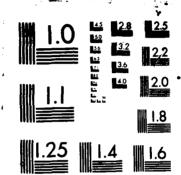
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The dam is of timber and stone crib with earth dikes as wingwalls. The maximum height of the dam is about 18 ft. and is about 575 ft. long. The dam is judged to be in fair condition. It is intermediate in size with a high hazard potential classification. The project will pass about 13 percent of the test flood peak outflow without overtopping the earth dike. There are various remedial measures which should be implemented.

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# BRIEF ASSESSMENT

The existing dam is of timber and stone crib with earth dikes as wingwalls. The maximum height of dam is about 18 feet and is approximately 575 feet long. The outflow structures consist of a 112-foot flashboard section, a 36-foot stanchion log board section, and a 16-foot sluice opening. The spillway is equipped with pin-type flashboards designed to fail in successive portions as the lake level rises. The sluice opening is divided into four bays, each 4 feet by 4 feet, and controlled by four gates.

Based on visual inspection, the dam is judged to be in fair condition. The soil adjacent to the northwest corner of the gate house has settled. The lower 6 feet of the northern wing wall on the downstream side have settled 6 inches and apparently tilted. The wooden planks on the flashboard section were observed to be in poor condition. Continuance of this classification depends on proper operations and maintenance of the dam.

This dam falls under the category of high hazard potential, and it is intermediate in size. The estimated test flood peak inflow is equal to the probable maximum flood, 156,000 cfs, and the test flood outflow is about 124,000 cfs after routing through lake storage. Hydraulic analysis indicates that, with such a flood, the maximum pool elevation would be about 776.4 feet msl, overtopping the earth dike section of the dam by about 17.4 feet. Under test flood conditions, the spillway would likely no longer function as a hydraulic control as it would be submerged by downstream tailwater, and the downstream flooding would be the same whether or not the dam exists across the outlet of Mascoma Lake.

The project will pass approximately 13 per cent of the test flood peak outflow without overtopping the earth dike. The Mascoma Lake Dam was intentionally designed with a relatively low earth dike section to prevent a large hydraulic head buildup in the event of a major flood and the spillway was designed with sufficient capacity to produce a tailwater elevation approximately equal to headwater at time of dam overtopping, thus preventing a significant flood surge in the

event of overtopping and resulting breaking of the dam. Detailed hydraulic analysis was beyond the scope of this Phase I study but it was concluded that high tailwater conditions would be likely at this project in the event of a major flood flow with indications that differential head at the dam would likely not exceed about 6 feet at the dam during a major flood.

Within one year after receipt of this Phase I report, the New Hampshire Water Resources Board should implement the remedial measures resulting from studies made to determine the cause of settlement and movement of the lower portion of the northern wingwall on the downstream side.

The following remedial measures, as stated in Section 7.3, should also be implemented:

- (1) All concrete surfaces should be repaired and the wooden planks on the flashboard section should be replaced.
- (2) Proper grades of the settled area at the northwest corner of the gate house should be reestablished, and a program be prepared and initiated to repair the slope protection as it becomes necessary.
- (3) All vegetation should be removed from the dike embankment and the riprap on the dikes be completed.
- (4) Observation for scour around downstream steel sheet piling should be made under adverse conditions.
- (5) A program of regular maintenance should be established and the owner should develop a formal warning system.
- (6) The technical annual periodic inspections being performed by the engineering staff should be continued.

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#### **PREFACE**

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonable possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition, and the downstream damage potential.

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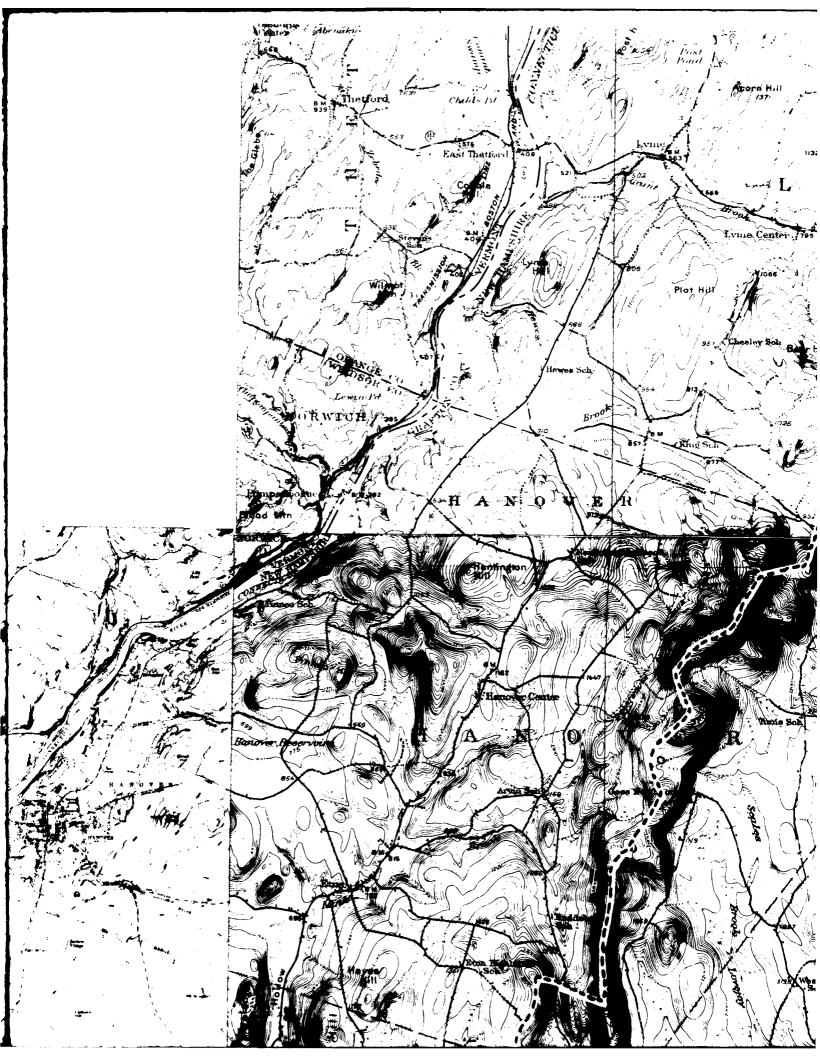
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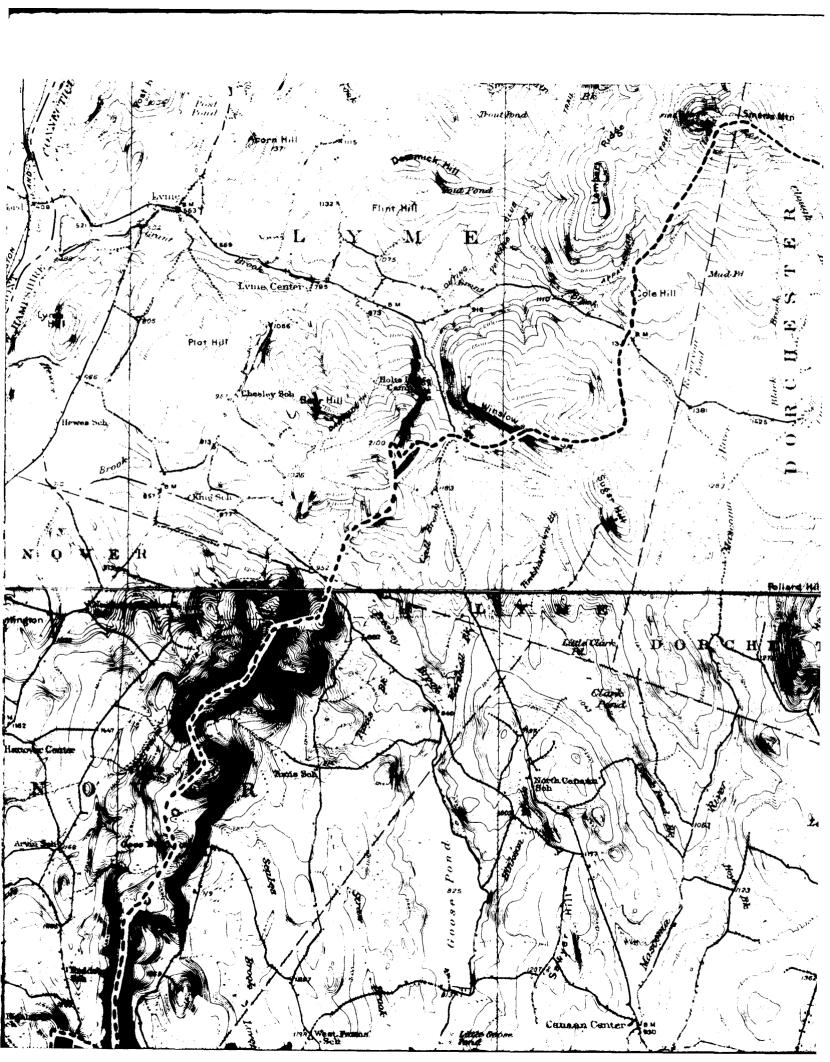
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# 1.3 Pertinent Data

## a. Drainage Area

Mascoma Lake as shown on the U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Sheet is located on the headwaters of Mascoma River. It has a total drainage area of 153 square miles. The watershed is highly wooded and is of mountainous topography.

# b. Discharge at Dam Site

(1) Outlet works: four gated waste sluices, size 4 feet by 4 feet each.

556 cfs at spillway crest Elevation 749 (all four gates fully open).

1,190 cfs at top of dam Elevation 759.0 (estimated) (all four gates fully open).

- (2) Maximum known flood at dam site flood of March, 1936, and the corresponding flow was 5,800 cfs.
- (3) Ungated spillway capacity at top of dam 15,700 cfs at Elevation 759.3.
- (4) Ungated spillway capacity at test flood maximum pool discharge unknown at Elevation 776.4.

### c. Elevation (Feet above MSL)

- (1) Top dam 759.0
- (2) Test flood maximum pool 776.4.
- (3) Full flood control pool not applicable.
- (4) Recreation pool 751.0.
- (5) Spillway crest 749.0.
- (6) Stream bed at centerline of dam 742.0 (estimated).
- (7) Maximum tail water 774.0 (estimated).

#### d. Reservoir

(1) Length of maximum pool - 4.5 miles (estimated).

18-, 20-, and 56-foot sections. With the cooperation of USGS, a new recording water level gauge was installed during the latter part of 1953. A separate shed to house the instruments was built near the north end of the upstream slope of the dam. All these improvements were made by the New England Power Service Company. The New England Power Service Company prepared a new four-page operating guide, dated October 20, 1953. This guide included detailed instructions for the attendant of the dam. A telephone was also installed at the gatehouse on the dam.

In 1960, an automated gaging system was installed and is still in operation. In 1968, the New Pampshire Water Resources Board engineers revised the 15-year old operating guide.

In February, 1978, the New Hampshire Water Resources Board prepared plans for improvements of the gates in the dam, which included four stainless steel gate items and new and larger timber gates, 5 feet 10 inches by 4 feet 5 inches and 6 inches thick. A letter dated February 22, 1978, stated the reason for these improvements as "parts of existing system have failed."

# i. Normal Operational Procedure

The water level at the dam site is read at least once a day by use of a telemark gage, which is connected to the office of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board in Concord. Under normal conditions, this dam is checked weekly by personnel of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board using their established procedures. A log book is kept at the dam site and entries, including gate operations, needle beam, pin board failure, and gage readings, as well as general comments of value for the record, are made by date and time.

In accordance with the operating guide, Mascoma Lake is drawn down during the winter and early spring by removing logs from the stanchion board section of the dam. The crest of the stanchion board section can be lowered to a minimum elevation of 747.3. After the peak runoff passes and before June 1, the stop logs in the stanchion board sections are replaced to a maximum elevation of 751.0. With the advent of snow melt and precipitation, the level of the lake is controlled by operating the gates to an elevation not exceeding 751.0. If the inflow should suddenly increase during other periods of the year, the lake level is controlled to an elevation not exceeding 751.0 by operation of the gates and the lowering of the stop log crest by removal of the logs. When the inflow during any season is excessive and the pond elevation cannot be controlled at Elevation 751.0 by means of the gates and the stop logs, the lake will rise and spill over the flashboards. For operational procedures for lake levels above Elevation 751.0, see operating guide dated 1968 in Appendix B.

feet, as the total fall from Mascoma Lake to the Connecticut River was 425 feet within a 10 3/4-mile length.

The oldest technical description of Mascoma Lake Dam can be found on an USGS inventory card dated 1927. This dam was described as an 8-foot high timber dam with a 150-foot long spillway and a drainage area of 145.6 square miles. Extensive repairs had been made to this dam in 1918.

At the end of 1934, New England Power Engineering and Service Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts, completed extensive repairs to the dam. The height of the dam remained the same, but the abutment and the earth embankments were raised 2 feet to an elevation of 758.0. The old wooden crib was rebuilt using 8-inch by 10-inch hemlock or spruce, and the deck sheeting was replaced with 4-inch thick hemlock. The new apron sheeting was 4 inches thick. The four gates at the north abutment were not changed. The spillway was 158 feet long. After the 1936 flood, this dam was partially rebuilt.

In 1948 the new owner, Granite State Electric Company made extensive repairs to the dam and engaged New England Power Service Company of Boston (formerly called the New England Power Engineering and Service Corporation) to do the work. The reconstruction consisted of replacing the old timber dam and flashboards with a new timber dam approximately 9 feet high. The new spillway was made of two sections: one 36 feet long with stanchion stop logs 6.5 feet high, and the other 112 feet long with 3-foot high pin-type flashboards for a normal pond level at Elevation 752.0. The old gate structure and the house on it was not affected by the reconstruction. The entire flow was diverted through the gates near the north abutment. A steel footbridge with creosoted planking was built over the stop log section of the dam. A timber pier was built between the two sections of the spillway. New gate and hoist installations, gate house lighting, and conduit layout were done.

The design called for 2 feet of riprap on the downstream slope of both embamkments at the ends of the dam, and 1 foot of riprap on the top and the upstream side. The only riprap observed was on the upstream slope.

The pin-type flashboards were designed to fail when the water surface of the lake reached a predetermined elevation. This occurred during the March 1953 flood, and some buildings on the lower part of Lebanon were flooded without warning.

The criticism of the operation and the design of Mascoma Lake, following the 1953 spring flood, resulted in improvements. The flashboard pins were redesigned to give definite stepped failures in

#### d. Hazard Classification

In the event of failure of this dam, the city of Lebanon, which is at a distance of approximately 3 miles downstream from the dam, will be in danger of being flooded. The depth of water at the damage impact area, as shown in Appendix D, is estimated. It is also estimated that more than a few lives could be lost and excessive property damage could probably occur in the event of the failure of this dam. Therefore, on the basis of Table 2, Hazard Potential Classification, in the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," furnished by the Corps of Engineers, this dam falls in the category of high hazard potential.

# e. Ownership

Mascoma River Improvement Company of Lebanon, New Hampshire, has been the owner of this dam from approximately 1917 until 1948. In 1948, the Granite State Electric Company of Lebanon, New Hampshire obtained ownership of the dam.

In 1969, the water rights, land, and buildings connected therewith in Lebanon and Enfield for Mascoma Lake Dam were acquired by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board for the benefit of the state being exempt from taxation.

# f. Operator

The operator of Mascoma Lake Dam is the owner, New Hampshire Water Resources Board, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire, telephone (617) 271-3406. The chief engineer is Vernon A. Knowlton. When necessary, the water plant of the city of Lebanon provides assistance in operation.

#### g. Purpose of Dam

The dam has to fulfill three objectives: supply water to the City of Lebanon (minimum 40 cfs); maintain a comfortable recreational level of the lake; and prevent the water from rising in case of a large runoff. Each spring the dam releases enough "white water" for downstream racing. In an emergency, the water supply needs would have priority.

## h. Design and Construction History

The profile of Mascoma River, surveyed by C.A. & A.B. Downs of Lebanon, New Hampshire, and dated 1881, indicated a dam at the Mascoma Lake outlet. At that time, the dam at the lake had a head of 7

# b. Description of Dam

This dam consists of three different sections: a rock-filled timber crib, 156 feet long; a concrete abutment, containing sluice gates, 27 feet long; and two earth embankments at each end, approximately 392 feet long. The total length is approximately 575 feet.

Sheet piling was provided over the entire 156-foot long timber section. At the toe 10-foot deep steel sheet piling and at the heel, 5 foot wooden sheet piling was provided.

Near the south abutment, which is a rock-filled timber crib, there is a 112-foot long timber crested spillway with 3-foot high flashboards that are supported by steel pins. To the north, there is a timber pier. Adjacent to the pier is a 36-foot long stop log control outlet with steel stanchions. The top of the stop logs is at a maximum elevation of 752.0. The top of the flashboards of the spillway is at Elevation 752.0 (Photographs No. 1, 2 and 4, Appendix C).

At the north end of the dam, the right bank of Mascoma River, there is a reinforced concrete gate house with four gates, each 4 feet by 4 feet. At the time of our inspection, three gates were electrically operated and one manually operated. There is a steel frame footbridge from the gate structure to the pier at the spillway (Photographs No. 3 and 10, Appendix C).

The structural height of the dam at the spillway is 9 feet from the stream bed to the top of the flashboards. The height of the concrete gate structure is approximately 18 feet. The dam is 27 feet wide near the river bed.

The earth embankments have upstream slopes of 1 vertical to 2 horizontal, and the downstream slopes of 1 vertical to 1 1/2 horizontal. The top of the embankment is at Elevation 759, which is 7 feet higher than the top of the spillway (Photographs No. 7, 8, and 15, Appendix C).

# c. Size Classification

The storage capacity at the level of the full pond or the top of the boards is 9,600 acre-feet, which falls in the range  $\gg 1,000$  and < 50,000 acre-feet. Therefore, on the basis of Table 1, Size Classification, in the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," furnished by the Corps of Engineers, the dam is classified as intermediate in size .

## MASCOMA LAKE DAM

# SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

# 1.1 General

# a. Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc., Engineers, have been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of New Hampshire. Authorization and notice to proceed was issued to Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc., under a letter of May 3, 1978, from Mr. Ralph T. Garver, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-78-C-0308 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

# b. Purpose

- (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.
- (2) Encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.
- (3) To update, verify, and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

# 1.2 Description of Project

#### a. Location

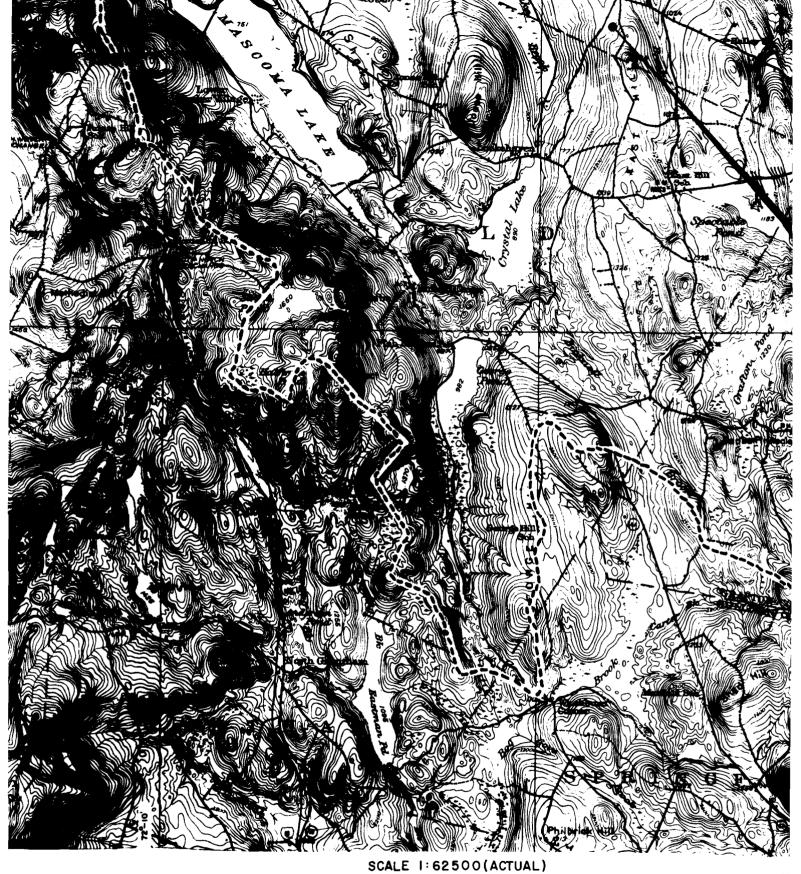
Mascoma Lake Dam is located in the central eastern part of the State of New Hampshire and about 10 miles above the mouth of the Mascoma River, which is a tributary of the Connecticut River. The dam site is 3 miles upstream from the city of Lebanon and the small village of Mascoma is situated near the dam.



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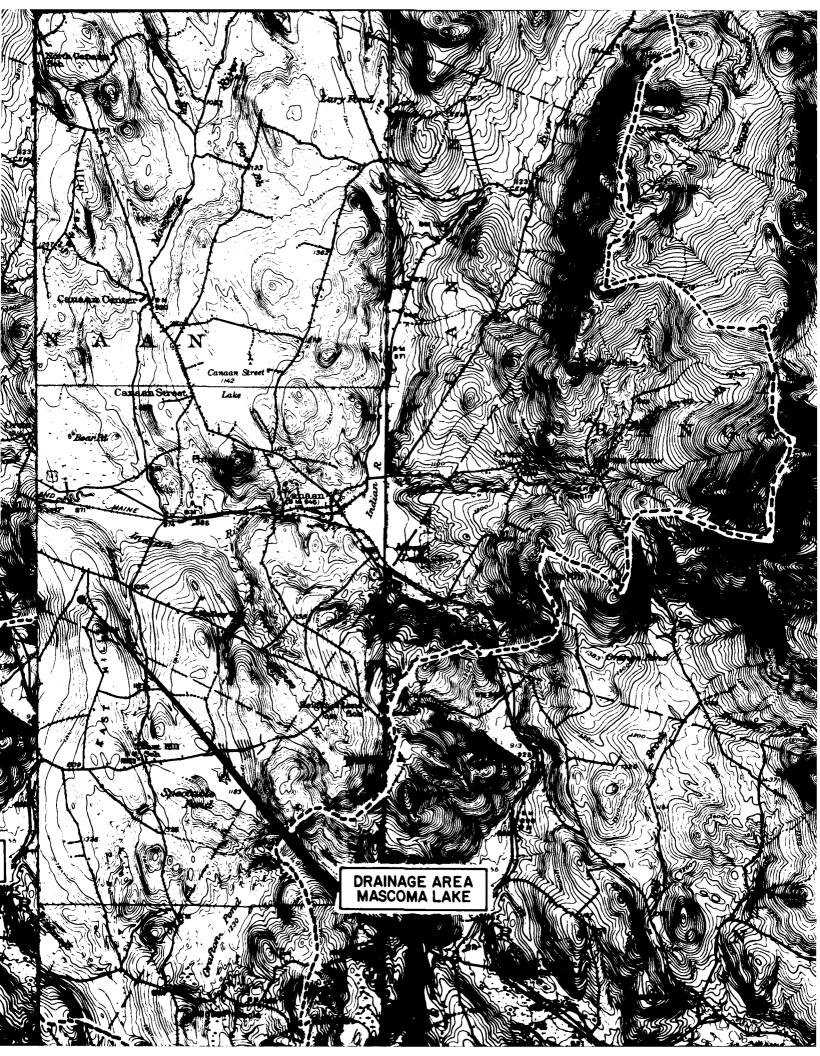
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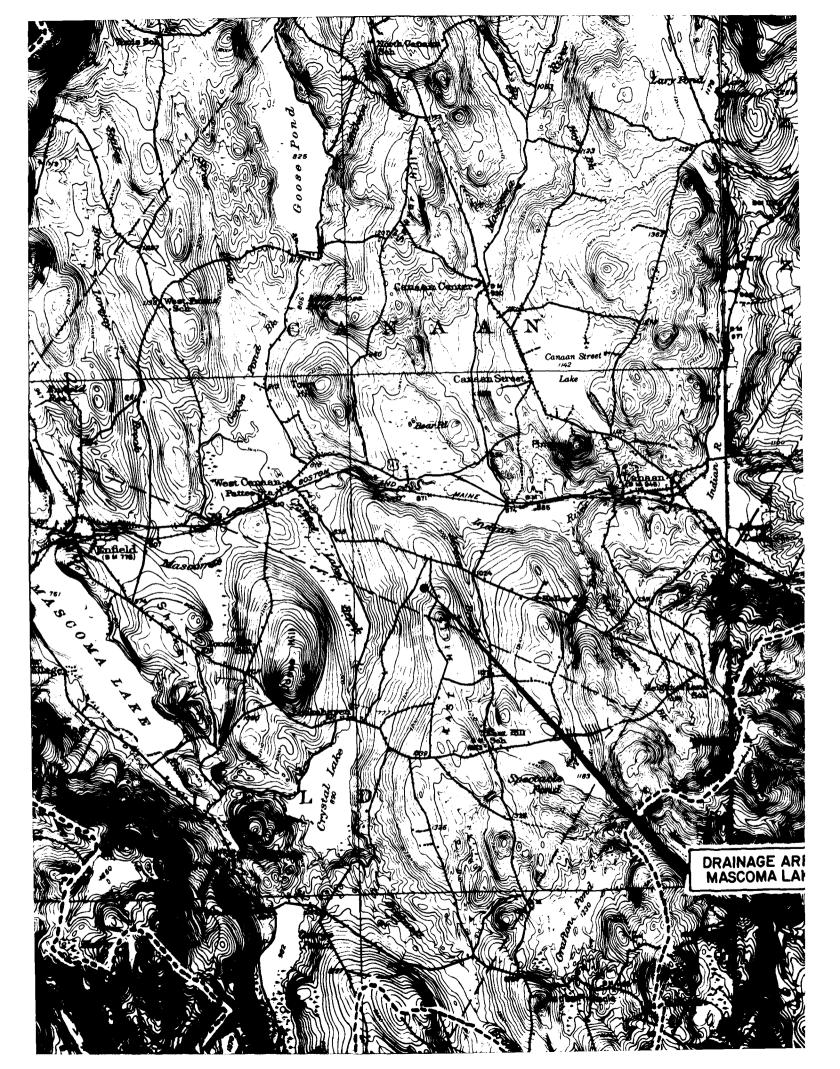
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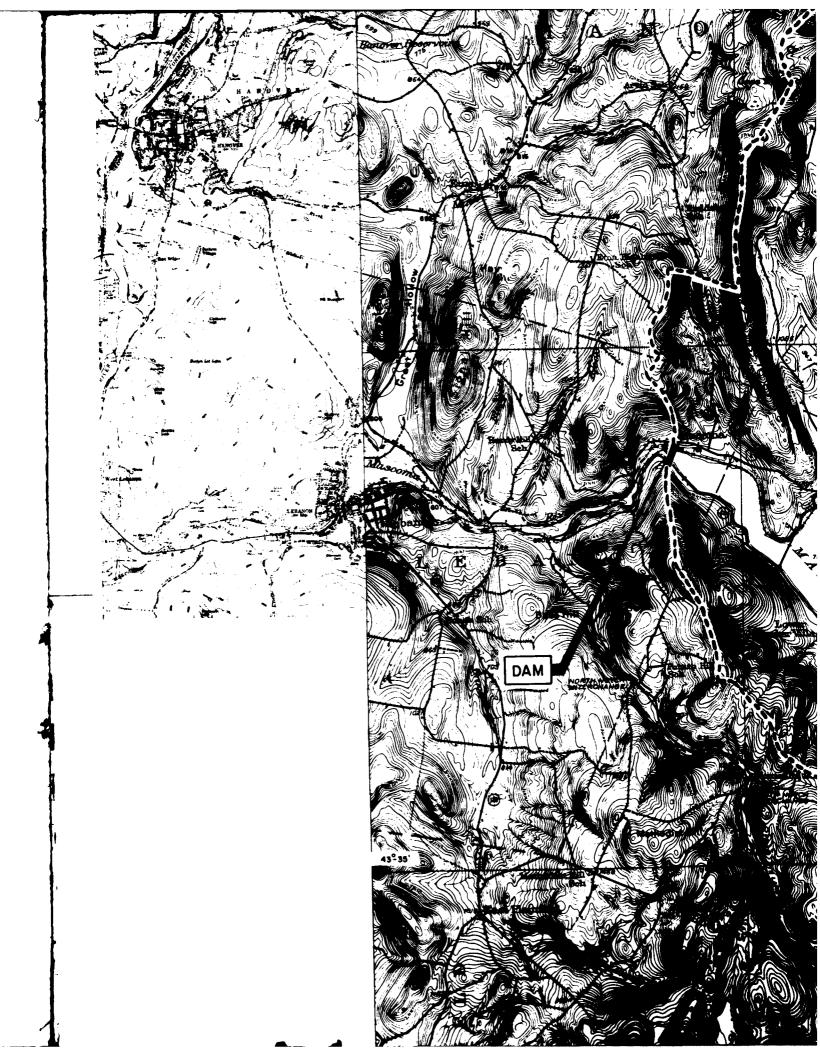


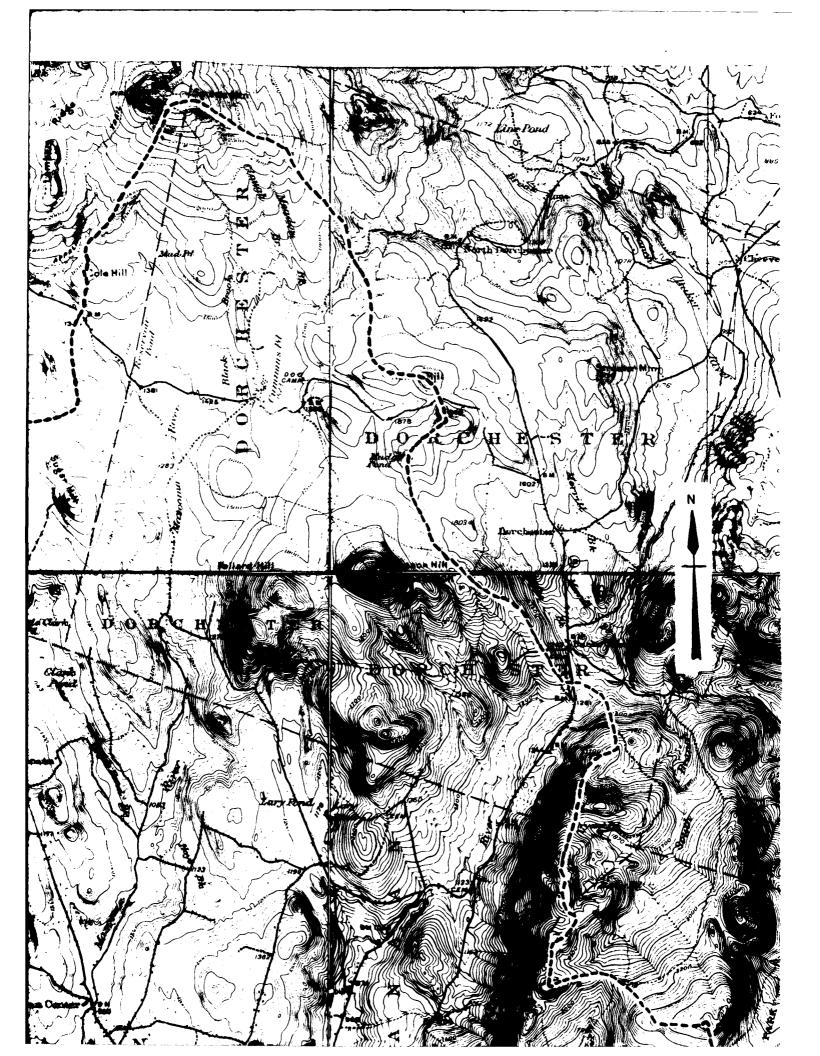
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- (2) Length of recreation pool 4 miles.
- (3) Length of flood control pool not applicable.

# e. Storage (Acre-Feet)

- (1) Top of dam 18,300 acre-feet.
- (2) Test flood pool elevation 40,000 acre-feet.
- (3) Flood control pool not applicable.
- (4) Recreation pool or conservation pool 8,332 acre-feet.
- (5) Spillway crest 6,166 acre-feet.

# f. Reservoir Surface (Acres)

- (1) Top of dam 1,244 acres.
- (2) Test flood maximum pool 1,445 acres.
- (3) Flood control pool not applicable.
- (4) Recreation pool 1,155 acres.
- (5) Spillway crest 1,128 acres.

## g. Dam

- (1) Type Wooden crib and earth dikes.
- (2) Length 575 feet.
- (3) Height 18 feet.
- (4) Top width Dike 10 feet; flash-board section 5 feet.
- (5) Side slopes Dike
  - (1) Upstream 1 vertical to 2 horizontal.
  - (2) Downstream l vertical to 1.5 horizontal.

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Not applicable.

(7) Impervious core

Not applicable.

(8) Cutoff

Concrete core wall extending some 25 feet from the concrete gate structure into the dike.

# h. Spillway

(1) Type

Spillway consists of two sections: one section consists of pin-type flashboards; second section consists of stanchion boards.

(2) Length of weir

Stanchion section is 36 feet long divided into seven bays. Flashboard sections is 112 feet long divided into four bays. The total length is 156 feet.

(3) Crest elevation

Sill elevation in stanchion section is 745.54. Sill elevation in flashboard section is 749.03.

(4) Control mechanism

3-foot high flashboards in flashboard section; 6.5-foot high stanchion log boards.

(5) U/S Channel

Lake.

## i. Regulating Outlets

(1) Invert

743.2.

(2) Size

16 feet long and divided into four bays, each 4 feet by 4 feet.

(3) Description

Wooden gates.

(4) Control mechanism

Pour gates - three gates operated by an electrically driven motor, and one gate temporarily operated manually.

# SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

# 2.1 Design

Drawings indicating plans, elevations and sections of the dam and appurtenant structures, including the details of the discharge facilities, such as outlet works, limited service and emergency spillways, flashboards, fuse plugs, and operation equipment, are available from project records. Selected drawings are included in Appendix B.

## 2.2 Construction

No engineering data are available on the construction of this dam.

# 2.3 Operation

The records of operation of this dam are available at the New Hampshire Water Resources Board office. Extensive repairs to the original dam were made in 1918. Subsequently, extensive damage was done to the dam in 1936, and repairs were made in 1937. In 1948, the dam, as now existing, was reconstructed. During the flood of 1953, significant flood damage occurred in the town of Lebanon. In 1953, a recording gage was installed and an operating guide was prepared. After the New Hampshire Water Resources Board obtained ownership in 1968, a telemetered recording gage was installed at the U.S.G.S. Stream Gaging Station in West Canon. Repairs to all four gates in the sluiceway had been proposed in February, 1978.

# 2.4 Evaluation

# a. Availability

Pertinent structural, geotechnical, hydrologic, and hydraulic data, which formed the basis of the design of the dam, are available on a limited basis from the project records.

### b. Adequacy

Sufficient engineering data are available for a Phase I inspection.

# c. Validity

The available engineering data is considered valid on the basis of the results of the visual inspection.

#### SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

# 3.1 Findings

The Phase I inspection of the Mascoma Lake Dam was performed on June 8, 1978. A copy of the inspection check list is included in Appendix A.

#### a. General

In general, the soil features are in fair condition. The concrete was observed to be in poor condition, see subparagraph c.

#### b. Dam and Dikes

The timber dam, consisting of rockfill for a length of 112 feet covered with wooden planks on both the upstream and the downstream faces, is in poor condition. No evidence of vertical or horizontal misalignment was observed.

The rock slope protection on the upstream slopes of both dikes is in fair condition. Vegetation, consisting of grass and weeds, was noted on both the upstream and downstream slopes and on the top of the dike. Small bushes and trees were observed on the downstream slope. The condition of the riprap was probably due to lack of continued maintenance. There is no indication of sloughing, bulging or movement of the slopes. No evidence of seepage or piping was observed.

The soil adjacent to the northwest corner of the gate house has settled. Observations indicate that this was probably caused by erosion.

## c. Appurtenant Structures

The concrete of the gate house wingwalls is in poor condition. Joint alignment is generally good, but both horizontal and vertical cracks were observed. No cavitation was noted but several areas of spalling were observed. The bottom 6 feet of the northern wingwall on the downstream side has settled 6 inches and apparently has tilted. Water is flowing behind the wingwall and eroding the adjacent soil. Observations indicated that the fill behind the lower 6 feet of the wingwall consisted of boulders. The slope above this wingwall has been protected with a thin layer of lean concrete (Photographs No. 11 and 12, Appendix C).

Field observations indicate that the gate house is a wooden framed small building on a concrete substructure. This building is well maintained and houses the gate operating equipment. The concrete substructure, which contains the sluice openings, is in poor condition. Both horizontal and vertical cracks show areas of erosion. (Photographs No. 5 and 9, Appendix C). Joint alignment is generally good and no cavitation was noted.

The building housing the telemark gage is approximately 50 feet north of the gate house. The slope of this gage house has been protected with a thin layer of lean concrete. Cracks were observed in the lower portion of the slope, which indicated that the existing slopes are too steep (Photographs No. 13 and 14, Appendix C).

The wooden footbridge connecting the gate house to the spillway is in good condition except for the loose steps at the south end. The railing for the footbridge is also in good condition.

## d. Reservoir Area

Mascoma Lake is located at the headwaters of Mascoma River between the towns of Enfield and Lebanon. There are three conservation reservoirs draining into Mascoma Lake, namely, Goose, Grafton, and Crystal Lakes. Mascoma Lake has a full pond area of 1,155 acres, a length of about 4 miles, a maximum width of 1 mile, and a shoreline of about 8 miles. There are several cottages and docks around the shore of the lake. The shoreline of Mascoma Lake is heavily wooded.

## e. Downstream Channel

The downstream channel and side slopes are in good condition. Approximately 1,000 feet downstream from the dam, there is a highway bridge across the Mascoma River, which is a restriction in case of flood (Photograph No. 16, Appendix C).

## 3.2 Evaluation

The observed condition of the dam is fair. The potential problems observed during the visual inspection are:

- a. Settlement of the area adjacent to the northwest corner of the gatehouse.
- b. Settlement and movement of the lower portion of the northern wingwall on the downstream side.
- c. Poor condition of the wooden planks on the upstream and downstream face of the flashboard section.

- d. Concrete erosion.
- e. Potential for overtopping.

#### SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

# 4.1 Procedures

The New Hampshire Water Resources Board has operated the Mascoma Lake Dam since 1969. The lake level is maintained by a flashboard section and a stanchion log board section. The flow is controlled by manually operated stanchion log boards. The flashboard section is equipped with pin-type flashboards designed to fail in successive portions as the lake level rises. Draw down is accomplished by opening the four sluice gates. Three of the four gates are operated by an electrically driven motor and one is operated manually on a temporary basis. See Section 1.2.i for further details.

# 4.2 Maintenance of Dam

The maintenance of Mascoma Lake Dam is the responsibility of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board. This Board plans to reconstruct the flashboard section of the dam and to replace the existing gates.

# 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

Maintenance of the gate operating facilities, which control the opening of the undersluice in the old concrete section, is good. Throughout the year, the dam is visited on a weekly basis by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board personnel.

# 4.4 Description of any Warning System in Effect

A flood warning system is in existence with the aid of a continuously monitored telemetered gage.

# 4.5 Evaluation

The operation and maintenance procedures for Mascoma Lake Dam, consisting of a weekly program of inspection, should ensure that all problems encountered can be remedied within a reasonable period of time. A detailed check list of items to be looked at by the operator or by the inspector has been prepared by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board.

#### SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

## 5.1 Evaluation of Features

#### a. Design Data

- (1) This dam falls under the category of high hazard potential, and it is intermediate in size. Using the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams," the recommended spillway test flood peak inflow is equal to the probable maximum flood. The spillway test flood inflow hydrograph, estimated, furnished in Appendix D. The adopted spillway test flood peak inflow is 156,825 cfs.
- (2) The estimated maximum peak outflow is 124,440 cfs, corresponding to the routed spillway test flood peak inflow through the lake.
- (3) The lake storage capacity versus the elevation, an estimated capacity curve is included in Appendix D.
- (4) The computed rating curve for the spillway is furnished in Appendix D.
- (5) The computed composite discharge rating curve (for flashboard section, stanchion section, and gate section) is furnished in Appendix D.
- (6) The composite discharge rating curve for pool levels above the top of the dam (assuming the dam or earth dikes remain intact) is furnished in Appendix D.
- (7) The tailwater rating curve immediately below the dam site is furnished in Appendix D.
- (8) The hydrologic map of the watershed above the dam site, including reservoir area and watercourse, is included in Appendix D.

# b. Experience Data

The peak of the actual design inflow hydrograph adopted for the project was 19,205 cfs. When the design inflow hydrograph was routed through Mascoma Lake when the lake was full, with all the gates open, flashboards off, and needle beams out, the project design flood would cause the lake level to rise approximately to elevation 761.8 msl or 2.8 feet above the top of the earth dike. The peak of the tailwater elevation just below the dam would rise to 761.3. There might be considerable damage at the highway and railroad bridges immediately below the dam, should a flood of the same magnitude as the project design flood occur. The above design data has been taken from the Granite Lake Company; report, "Hydraulic Design, Mascoma Lake Dam," which is included in Appendix B.

There are records of several damaging floods which resulted in rebuilding (as in 1936) or extensive repairs of the dam, as in 1953. Maximum known flood at dam site occurred in March, 1936, and it produced a corresponding flow of 5,800 cfs.

#### c. Visual Observations

The crest of the non-overflow section is about 7 feet above the crest of the spillway. At the time of the inspection, water was observed flowing over the stanchion log board and through the sluices. Downstream of the dam, there is a deep still pool of water serving as an effective energy dissipator. The downstream channel is narrow and deep. The highway and railroad bridges immediately below the dam constrict the flow in the downstream channel. The back water could be so high during a major flood that there would be a very little drop available at the dam.

#### d. Overtopping Potential

The spillway test flood peak inflow is 156,825 cfs. When the test flood peak inflow is routed through the Mascoma Lake (assuming the earth dam remains intact after being overtopped), it is found that the maximum pool elevation behind the dam would be 776.4. Therefore, the earth dam would be overtopped by 17.4 feet. The corresponding test flood peak outflow would be 124,440 cfs. The spillway can pass about 13% of the test flood peak outflow without overtopping the earth dike.

The elevation corresponding to the test flood peak outflow could not be found from the tailwater rating curve immediately below the dam site, therefore, the channel below the dam does not have the conveyance capacity required to accommodate the computed peak outflow without overtopping its banks. Substantial portion of the peak outflow would have to be accommodated in the flood plain on both sides of the downstream river. In other words, the spillway no longer functions as a hydraulic control as it would be submerged. The downstream flooding under test flood conditions would be the same whether or not the dam exists across the outlet of Mascoma Lake.

#### SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

## 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

#### a. Visual Observations

At the time of our inspection, the water surface was at Elevation 749.48, 6.55 on the telemark gage. The upstream and downstream slopes of the rockfilled timber crib could not be observed due to the fact that it was under water. The slopes of the dike embankment do not show any erosion or other weak areas. The visual inspection revealed the following evidence of possible stability problems.

- Settlement of the area adjacent to the northwest corner of the gate house.
- (2) Settlement and movement of the lower portion of the northern wingwall on the downstream side.

#### b. Design and Construction Data

No design computations are available, but drawings dated 1934 and 1948, were obtained from the project records.

### c. Operating Records

Except for memorandums and correspondence listed in Appendix B, other operating records apparently are not available at the office of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board office.

#### d. Post-Construction Changes

According to available data, improvements have not been made since 1948.

#### e. Seismic Stability

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2 and in accordance with recommended Phase I guidelines does not warrant seismic analysis.

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment

#### a. Condition

Examination of available documents and visual inspection of Mascoma Lake Dam and its appurtenant structures did not reveal any defects which would render the project inadequate from the standpoint of structural stability and the dam is judged to be in fair condition.

## b. Adequacy of Information

An adequate assessment of the dam consistent with the scope of a Phase I investigation has been made based upon the visual inspection and available information.

#### c. Urgency

The recommendations enumerated in Section 7.2 and 7.3 should be implemented within 1 year of receipt of this Phase I report by the owner.

#### d. Need for Additional Investigation

The information available from the visual inspection is adequate to identify the potential problems which are: overtopping, and the settlement and movement of the lower portion of the north wingwall. These problems require the attention of a competent engineer who will have to make additional engineering studies to design and specify remedial measures to rectify the problems. If left unattended, the problem could lead to instability of the structure.

### 7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the New Hampshire Water Resources Board undertake more detailed hydraulic studies to evaluate the extent of damage to life and property in Lebanon in the event of dam failure at Mascoma under either normal flow and flood flow conditions. Also, studies should be made to determine the cause of the settlement and movement of the lower portion of the northern wingwall on the downstream side.

#### 7.3 Remedial Measures

It is considered important that the following operating and maintenance procedures be attended to as early as practical:

- a. All concrete surfaces should be repaired, as continuous deterioration could develop into a serious problem.
- b. Proper grades of the settled area at the northwest corner of the gate house should be reestablished.
- c. Vegetation should be removed from the dike embankment, and riprap placed on the downstream slopes as indicated on the 1948 plans.
- d. Program should be prepared and initiated to repair the slope protection as it becomes necessary.
- e. The wooden planks on the flashboard section should be replaced as continued deterioration could develop into a serious problem.
- f. Observations for scour around downstream steel sheet piling should be made under adverse conditions.
  - g. A program of regular maintenance should be established.
- h. The technical annual periodic inspection being performed by the engineering staff should be continue.
  - i. The owner should develop a formal warning system.

#### 7.4 Alternatives

None recommended.

APPENDIX A

VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LISTS

#### APPENDIX B

## Listing of Design, Construction and Maintenance Records

The files, No. 134.01, of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board contain seven folders of memorandums, correspondence, technic and hydrological data related to Mascoma Lake, River, and Dam.

- (1) The oldest document is the profile of Mascoma River at Lebanon, New Hampshire made by C. A. & A. B. Downs of Lebanon, in 1881. It covers the whole length of the river from Mascoma Lake to the Connecticut River, almost eleven miles. There is a three-page typewritten description of this profile and of the dams, which is stamped "Received June 20, 1920, New Hampshire Public Service Commission."
- (2) October 1, 1934. A four page questionnaire statement, written by the New England Power Engineering & Service Corp. of Boston, explaining the proposed repairs of the Mascoma Lake Dam. There is a copy of Order No. 2749, dated October 9, 1934, by the New Hampshire Public Service Commission authorizing these repairs.
- (3) May 24, 1978. An application for reconstruction and raising the dam by the owner, Granite State Electric Co. of Lebanon. It contains a brief description of work proposed.
- (4) August, 1948. A set of 8-inch by 10-inch photographs showing the reconstruction in progress.
- (5) After the March 1953 flood in the town of Lebanon, there were many letters, newspaper clippings, studies, and recommendations for improvements that were written and filed.
- (6) Fall, 1953. Memorandums and letters concerning a new lake level recording gage installation.
- (7) October 20, 1953. Mascoma Lake Dam Operating Guide, written by Mr. E. Mosley of the New England Power Service Co., Hydraulic Department, including a sketch of the flashboard pin arrangement. This guide was revised in 1968.
- (8) Instructions for installing and operating the new telemark lake level gage, purchased March 9, 1960, from Leopold & Stevens Instruments, Inc., Portland, Oregon (Telemark Type T-4, Serial No. 29427).

APPENDIX B

EXISTING AVAILABLE INFORMATION

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Footbridge  DISCIPLINE Structures  PROJECT FEATURE	
DISCIPLINE	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - FOOTBRIDGE	
a. Superstructure	
Bearings	Good condition (steel plates)
Anchor Bolts	Good condition
Longitudinal Members	Good condition (steel beams)
Deck	Sound condition (wooden planks)
Drainage System	None
Railings	Good condition

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Section	<del>-</del>
DISCIPLINE Structures	NAME (2) n/n tes
PROJECT FEATURE Approach Channel	14/1
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Hermy I Itlly
DISCIPLINE Hydraulics & Hydrology	NAME ! Whi hindlele 110 11
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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
c. Discharge Channel	
c. Discharge Channel  General Condition	Good
-	Good None observed
General Condition  Loose Rock	
General Condition  Loose Rock Overhanging Channel Trees Overhanging	None observed

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
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DISCIPLINE Structures	NAME Computação
PROJECT FEATURE Approach Channel	- CA
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Day & She
DISCIPLINE Hydraulics & Hydrology	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - STANCHION BOARD SECTION, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS	
a. Approach Channel	
General Condition	Good
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None observed
Trees Overhanging Channel	None observed
Floor of Approach Channel	Water at Elevation 749.48; bottom could not be observed
b. Stanchion Board Section	
General Condition	Good
Stop Logs	Good condition

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Gate House  DISCIPLINE Structures & Concrete	NAME To Divinta.
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DISCIPLINE	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
b. Mechanical and Electrical	
Air Vents	None
Float Wells	None
Crane Hoist	None
Elevator	None
Hydraulic System	None
Service Gates	Four gates - three gates operated electrically; and one gate temporarily manually operated
Emergency Gates	None
Lightning Protection System	None
Emergency Power System	None
Wiring and Lighting System	Apparently in good condition

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Gate House	<del></del>
DISCIPLINE Structures & Concrete	NAME -377 miles
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DISCIPLINE	NAME
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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - GATE HOUSE	
a. Concrete and Structural	
General Condition	Poor
Condition of Joints	Good
Spalling	Yes (see Section 3)
Visible Reinforcing	None observed
Rusting or Staining of Concrete	None observed
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	None observed
Joint Alignment	Good
Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber	None
Cracks	Yes (see Section 3)
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	None observed

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE South Dike Embanks DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Henry H. Itlle
PROJECT FEATURE	
DISCIPLINE	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
Indications of Movement of	None observed
Structural Items on Slopes	
Trespassing on Slopes	None apparent
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	None observed
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	Fair condition
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	None observed
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	None observed
Piping or Boils	None observed
Foundation Drainage Features	None
Toe Drains	None
Instrumentation System	None ·

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE South Dike Embankme	
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Sterry 1. Ille
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DISCIPLINE	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
SOUTH DIKE EMBANKMENT	
Crest Elevation	759.0
Current Pool Elevation	749.48
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	None observed
Pavement Condition	None
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed
Lateral Movement	None observed
Vertical Alignment	No visual vertical misalignment
Horizontal Alignment	No visual horizontal misalignment
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Normal

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE North Dike Embankm	
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	$\mathcal{I}$
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DISCIPLINE	
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	Lower portion of downstream wingwall has apparently tilted
Trespassing on Slopes	None apparent
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	None observed
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	Fair condition
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	None observed
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	None observed
Piping or Boils	None observed
Foundation Drainage Features	None
Toe Drains	None
Instrumentation System	None

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE North Dike Embankme	ent
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME There It still
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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
NORTH DIKE EMBANKMENT	
Crest Elevation	759.0
Current Pool Elevation	749.48
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	None observed
Pavement Condition	None
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed
Lateral Movement	None observed
Vertical Alignment	No visual vertical misalignmen
Horizontal Alignment	No visual horizontal misalignment
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Erosion at the northwest corner of gate house

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Flashboard Section  DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Henry H Stll
PROJECT FEATURE DISCIPLINE	
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	None observed
Trespassing on Slopes	None observed
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	None observed
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	None
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	None observed
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	None observed
Piping or Boils	None observed
Foundation Drainage Features	None
Toe Drains	None
Instrumentation System	None

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Flashboard Section	- 11 ()
DISCIPLINE Soils & Foundations	NAME Him It Ille
PROJECT FEATURE	
DISCIPLINE	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
FLASHBOARD SECTION	
Crest Elevation	Top of boards 752.0
Current Pool Elevation	749.48
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	None observed
Pavement Condition	None
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed
Lateral Movement	None observed
Vertical Alignment	No visual vertical misalignment
Horizontal Alignment	No visual horizontal misalignment
Condition at Abutment and	Normal

### APPENDIX A

# VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT Mascoma Lake Dam	DATE June 8, 1978	
	TIME 900 - 1230	
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PARTY:		
l. Jurgis Gimbutas, P.E.	Team Captain - Structural and Concrete	
2. Harvey H. Stoller, P.E.	Soils, Geology, & Foundation	ns
3. V. Rao Maddineni, P.E.	Hydraulics & Hydrology	
PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY REMARK	s
1. Flashboard Section	H. H. Stoller Fair	
2. North Dike Embankment	H. H. Stoller Fair	
3. South Dike Embankment	H. H. Stoller Fair	
4. Gate House	J. Gimbutas Poor	
5. Stanchion Board Section	J. Gimbutas Good	
6. Approach and Discharge Chan	H. H. Stoller nels V. R. Maddineni Good	
7. Footbridge	J. Gimbutas Good	
8. Reservoir and Downstream Ch	annel V. R. Maddineni Good	

- (9) May 20, 1968. Description of properties to be deeded to the State of New Hampshire, prepared by Granite State Electric Co. in Lebanon (two pages and a marked-up U.S.G.S. map). Subsequently, there is a copy of "An Act to Authorize the Water Resources Board to Acquire, etc.," the dam, water rights, land and any buildings connected therewith at Mascoma Lake, dated, 1969, by the General Court of New Hampshire.
- (10) June 10, 1971. Request and authorization for the installation of a remote stage recording instrument on the Mascoma River at West Canaan, upstream of Mascoma Lake.
- (11) March 9, 1972. Memorandum to the New Hampshire Water Resource Board, written by Mr. Vernon A. Knowlton, Water Resources Engineer. It explains the operation and the purpose of the dam. There are several letters regarding the operation of Mascoma Lake in 1973 and 1974.
- (12) March 22, 1974. Four photographs taken for the Army Corps of Engineers' Dam Inventory Program.
- (13) July 1976. Two letters regarding vandalism at the dam structure.
- (14) February 22, 1978. Request for additional quotations for new gate stems and other hardware for gates. There are drawings by Rodney Hunt Co., Orange, Massachusetts, including three 11-inch by 17-inch sheets, approved by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board on April 6, 1978.

In addition, there are numerous data on the hydrology of Mascoma Lake and hydraulic calculations for he dam. Summary of such data is as follows:

- (1) Detailed history of floods from 1925-1953 by excerpts from local press, seven pages.
- (2) FIA Flood Hazard Boundary Maps for Town of Lebanon, dated September 20, 1974.
- (3) Hydraulic Design Mascoma Lake Dam, dated March 22, 1949, by H. M. Nelson of Granite State Electric Co., seven pages and four plates of curves.
- (4) Mascoma Lake hydrographs 1950-1953.

- (5) Discharge computations following the March 1953 flood by F. C. Moore, Civil Engineer, of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board. Also various discharge rating curves made by the Hydraulic Dept. of New England Power Service Co., dated May 1953.
- (6) Hydrological data summaries in 1959 and 1960, numerous sheets including graphs.
- (7) Comparison of watersheds and storage capacities and a plan of operation for the Mascoma River storage system (no date) and a plan of the Mascoma Lake drainage area (in 1953).
- (8) Mascoma Lake storage data sheets 1961-1970.

Drawings, mostly blueprints, are stored in the files of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board under State Nos. 134.01 and 134.12. In chronological order, these drawings are:

- (1) 1918-1919 Drawings made by the Mascoma River Improvement Co., Engineering Department, Turner Falls office, Sheets No. LS-22, F-2292, C-695 to C-698, showing topography, gate structure, and details of this dam.
- (2) March, September, 1926 Drawings made by the New England Power Construction Co., Engineers, in Worcester, Mass., Sheets No. D-780, H-1884, H-1886, showing intake structure, Dam No. 1 and topography of the dam.
- (3) October, 136 Sheets No. D-1927\* and H-10321, showing detailed topography in vicinity of dam at outlet of Mascoma Lake near Enfield, New Hampshire.
- (4) 1941 drawings Sheet R-1828 1/2, showing aerial survey.
- (5) January, 1944 Drawing No. D-3741, made by the Mascoma River Improvement Co., showing Mascoma Lake property and dam.
- (6) May, December, 1948 Drawings made by the New England Power Service Co. of Boston, Mass. Sheets Nos. LS-2572, H-5929, H-10932, H-10993\*, H-10988, H-11197, ML-11238 and five sheets without numbers showing general plans, sections, and installations for the reconstruction of the Mascoma Lake Dam.

<sup>\*</sup>Reduced copies of drawings included in this report.

- (7) March, 1949 Elevation of the dam looking upstream which shows dimensions.
- (8) There are two drawings without dates, namely, Sheet No. C-699, showing Mascoma Lake drainage area (flow of drainage into downstream towns), and Sheet No. E-4874, showing Mascoma Lake Dam field dimensions.

# 2. Copies of Past Inspection Reports Included in This Report

- (1) September 9, 1937, by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board, inventory page and one page of the sketches.
- (2) January 3, 1939, by the New Hampshire Water Control Commission, tabulated by AAN & RLT, two pages of data.
- (3) December 31, 1960, Data Sheet No. 210 without signature.

# 3. Copies of Other Documents Included in This Report

- (1) Hydraulic Design Mascoma Lake Dam, dated March 22, 1949, by H.M. Nelson of Granite State Electric Co., seven pages and four plates of curves.
- (2) October 20, 1953. Mascoma Lake Dam Operating Guide, written by Mr. E. Mosley of the New England Power Service Co., Hydraulic Department, including a sketch of the flashboard pin arrangement. This guide was revised in 1968.

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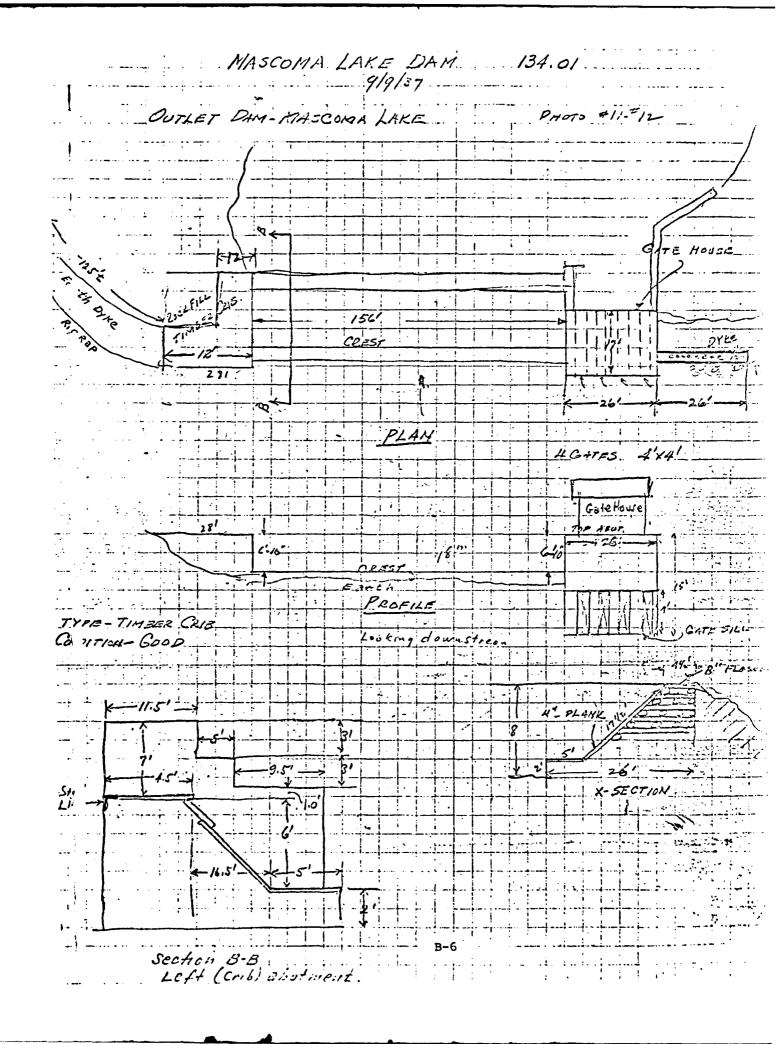
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# DATA ON DAMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION	STATE NO. 134.01
Town Lebanon County	Grafton
Stream Mascoma Lake	•
Basin-Primary Conn R. / Secondary	
Local Name	
Coordinates—Lat. 43°-40'- 6400 : Long. 72°	
GENERAL DATA	153 A.E
Drainage area: ControlledSq. MireUncontrolled	Sq. Mi.: Total 151.5 Sq. Mi.
Overall length of dam220 \( \sqrt{ft} : Date of Construction	1936
Height: Stream bed to highest elevft.: Max. Structure	<b>11</b> 21 / ft.
Cost—Dam: Reservoir	
DESCRIPTION Timber Crib- Wood Stone & Concrete	
Waste Gates	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Elevation Invert	64 / sq. ft.
Hoist	***************************************
Waste Gates Conduit	
Number Materials	
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Embankment	
Туре	
· Height—Max ft.: Min	ft.
Top-Width: Elev	ft.
Slopes-Upstream on: Downstream	on
Length-Right of Spillway: Left of Spillway	<b>7</b>
Spillway	
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Height of permanent section—Max. 1ft.: Min	ft.
Flashboards—Type	Height 0.7 /
Elevation—Permanent Crest	of Flashboard
Flood Capacity 1800 cfs.:	
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Freeboard: Max. 6 10" ft.: Min.	ft.
Headworks to Power Devel.—(See "Data on Power Developmen	t")
OWNER Mascoma River Improvement Co	1611 Good
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Tabulation ByA.A.N. & R. L. T. Date	January 3 1939

# NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION DATA ON RESERVOIRS & PONDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

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ELEVAT	ION vs. WATER SURFA	ACE AREA vs. VOLUM	1E .	· .
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(1)	Max. Flood Height	•••••	•••••	••••••
(2)	Top of Flashboards	*******		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
(3)	Permanent Crest	200000000000000000000000000000000000000		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
(4)	Normal Drawdown	7	1115	10,300
(5)	Max. Drawdown	•••••	******	` ••••••
(6)	Original Pond	520000000000000000000000000000000000000	•••••••	***************************************
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LOCATION & DRAINAGE AREA	
Lebanon and Enfield	(s) Post office Lebanon, N.H.
A) TORN Lebanon and Enfield c) COUNTY Grafton	(b) STATE New Hampshire
E) RIVER MASCOMA	(F) MILES ABOVE MOUTH (DAM) 9.7  (H) HET DRAINAGE AREA 124.1 SQ.M1.
6) GROSS DRAINAGE AREA 153 SQ.MI.	(H) HET DRAINAGE AREA 124.1 SQ.MI.
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ELEVATIONS	, 2.6
A) TOP OF DAM 16.07 (B) TOP OF BOARDS 9.07	(c) NORMAL FULL 9.07 (D) CREST (SEE ITEM 1110) 6.1
E) MINIMUM HORMAL 2.2 (F) MINIMUM USABLE 2.2	(6) MINIMUM POSSIBLE 0.2
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P) LOCATION GOOSE POND GROSS DRAINAGE AREA	15.7 39.MI.; USABLE VOLUME 11,688 ACRE-FEET
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MEMORANDUM

TO A. C. Benjes Lebanon, New Hampshire March 30, 1949

FF M. H. M. Nelson Boston FILE

SURJECT MASCONA LAKE DAM

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Attached hereto are two copies of a report entitled "Granite State Electric Company, Hydraulic Design, Mascoma Lake Dam," dated March 22, 1949.

You will note that the peak inflow used in our design flood is only 126 cu. ft. per second per square mile. If you will look on plate 4 on which are plotted floods which have already been experienced in New York and New England, you will see that 126 cu. ft. per second per square mile is far below the maximum which has been experienced.

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### HYDRAULIC DESIGN MASCOMA LAKE DAM

In the early part of 1948 a study was made of the flood capacity required at Mascoma Lake dam. This study was undertaken due to the fact that the timber spillway section of the old dam was in such a state of decay that it could no longer be repaired, and a new spillway section was indicated.

The study indicated that due to the topography at the dam site and below, it would be impossible to design a practical dam at this location which could pass through gates and spillway a design flood which we based on runoff from eight tenths of the maximum possible precipitation for a drainage area of this size, as worked out by the United States Weather Bureau forces, without raising the water in the lake so high that it might cause a great amount of damage.

The river is restricted below the dam by a highway bridge and a railroad bridge. These limitations, together with the natural slope and configuration of the channel, would cause a backwater condition at the dam which would practically drown it out during the period of maximum discharge of any flood approaching the design flood in magnitude.

In order to pass the design flood through the dam, it would be necessary to lower the crest below that of the present dam and, in addition, raise
the dikes at either end of the dam. The increased height of the dikes would
add a restriction to the passage of water from the lake to the channel below
and thus cause a higher lake level, which would in turn increase the discharge of water along the Boston & Maine railroad through the highway overpass just north of the dam. Damage to cottages and docks around the lake
might be caused also by raising the dikes.

It was decided to recommend no change in the concrete gate structure at the north end of the dam and no change in elevation of the present

dikes except to add some stone rip rap to them for protection in case of inundation.

The elevation of the crest of the timber section of the old dam, which was 156 feet long, was about 751.25 and some low braced flashboards used had a top elevation of 752.0. It was decided to recommend for the new timber section 36 feet of crest at elevation 745.0 with needle beams provided with stop logs to carry the water to elevation 752. To support the bridge to which the tops of the needle beams were to be anchored, it was found necessary to introduce a timber crib pier 8 feet wide at the south end of the 36 foot bay. South of the crib pier 112 feet of crest at elevation 749.0 provided with pipe supported flashboards with top elevation of 752.0, designed to fail in two sections at different pond elevations were also recommended. The location of the face of the south abutment was to remain unchanged.

boards should be allowed to fail and needle beams should be released as necessary to control the elevation of the lake at or below elevation 755 as long as possible during periods of high discharge. The maximum discharge which can be passed at pond elevation 755 with all gates open, all flash-boards off and all needle beams out is about 9000 c.f.s.

A design storm precipitation of 13.32 inches occurring in 36 hours which produced a maximum inflow at Mascona Lake of 19200 cubic feet per second and a total runoff of 10.44 inches on the drainage area in a period of 146 hours was used in the study calculations.

The spiliway section was built substantially as recommended and new the gates and motor drives for the gates were installed during the fall of this year. The only deviations were some changes which resulted in making the needle beam bay slightly smaller than it was originally planned to be. It

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was found necessary to shorten it by pouring a facing on the south end of the concrete gate structure and due to the top elevation of foundation timbers in the old dam which were found to be sound the floor of the low boy was raised to elevation 745.5 instead of 745.0.

If a flood of the order of the design flood should occur when the pond is full or nearly full the elevation of the pond surface would rise to above elevation 758.0 and the entire structure except the superstructure of the gate house would be inundated. The backwater would be so high that there would be very little drop at the dam at such a time.

It is felt that the stone protection placed over the entire surface of the dikes will prevent any serious loss of material from them and that when the flood waters recede very little serious damage to the dam will be found.

It seems likely that should a flood of the order of the design flood occur, there might be considerable damage at the highway and railroad bridges immediately below the dam.

For general plan and section of the Mascoma lake dam as rebuilt in 1948, see Flan H-10993 as revised.

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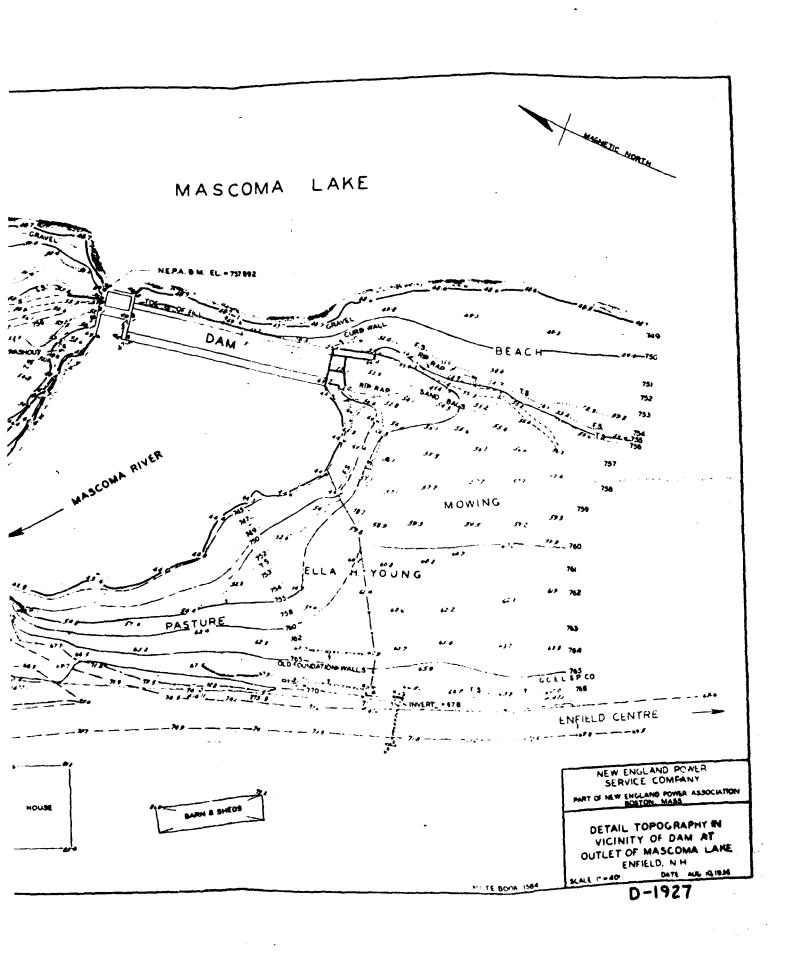
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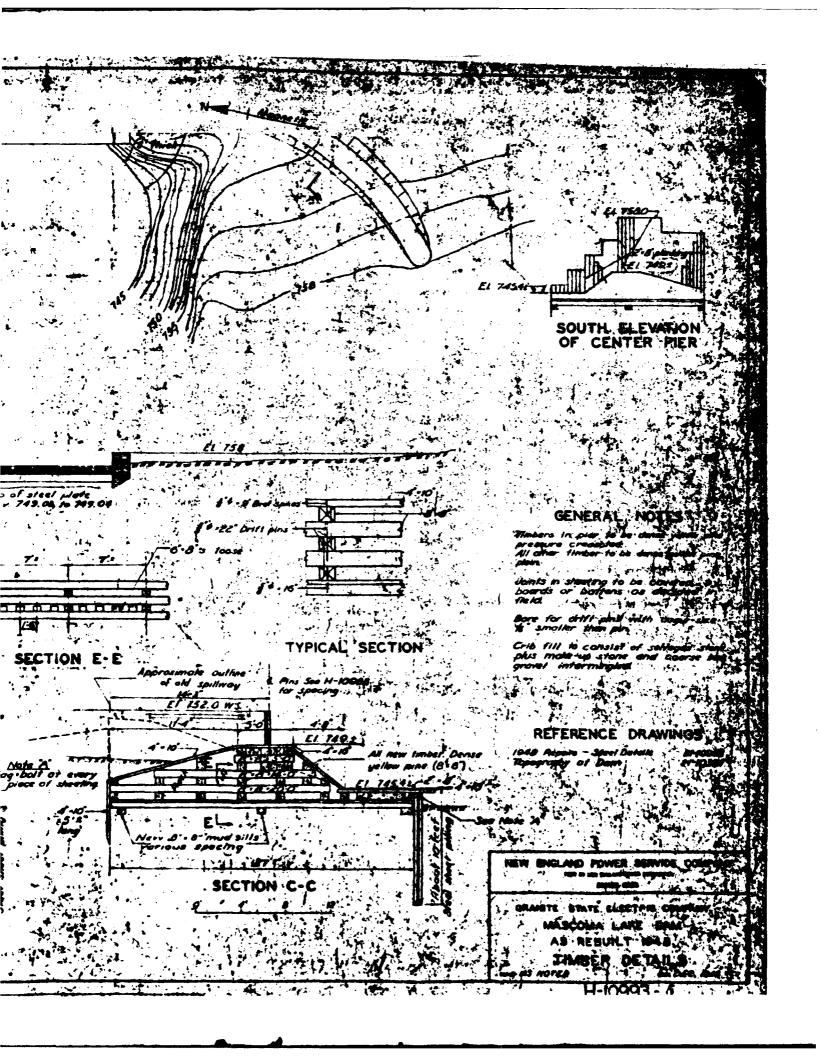
#### DESIGN STORM AND RESULTANT INFLOW HYDROGRAPH

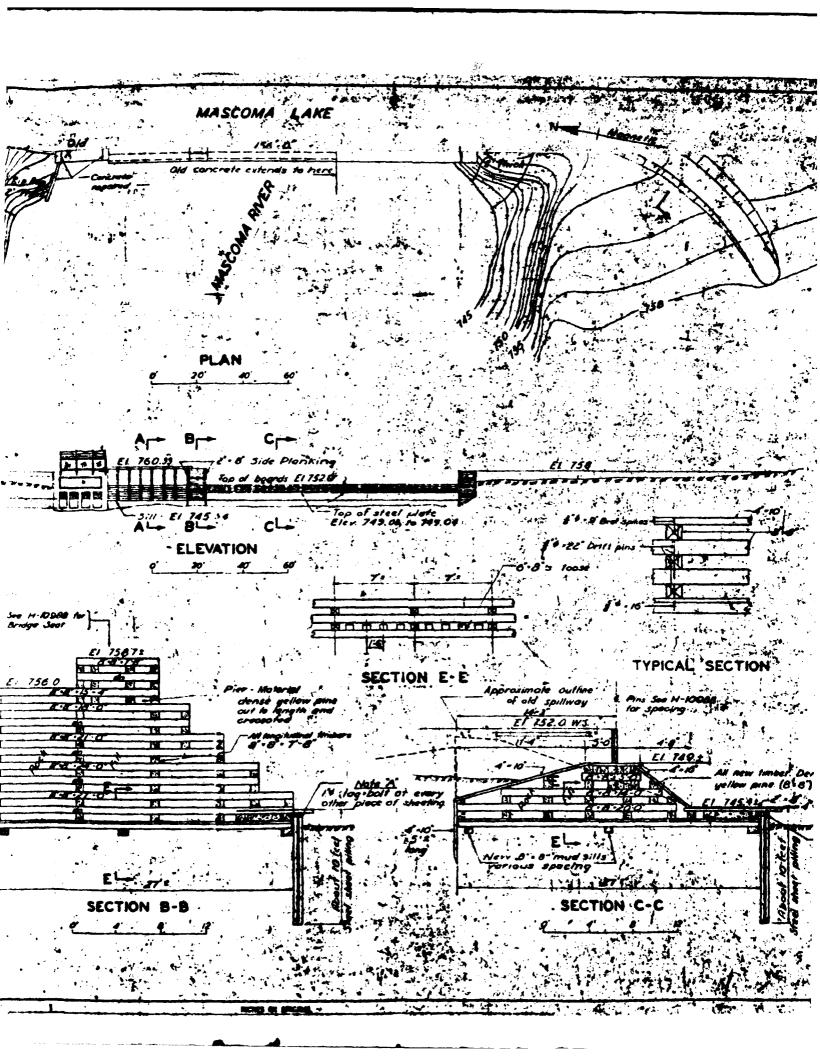
The precipitation during 36 hours of the storm of November 2 - 4, 1927, at the Harriman reservoir as determined from the average of six precipitation stations weighted for drainage area was 7.62 inches. The design storm precipitation for Mascoma Lake dam was obtained by multiplying the Harriman precipitation for the November, 1927, storm by 1.75. This gave a precipitation total of 13.32 inches for the design storm. This happens to be slightly less than eight tenths of the maximum possible precipitation for this area as developed in the Ompompanoosuc River report of March 1940 by the U.S. Weather Bursau. An infiltration rate of .08 inches per hour was then subtracted giving a total runoff of 10.44 inches. The details of this are shown in the table in the upper right-hand corner of Plate I.

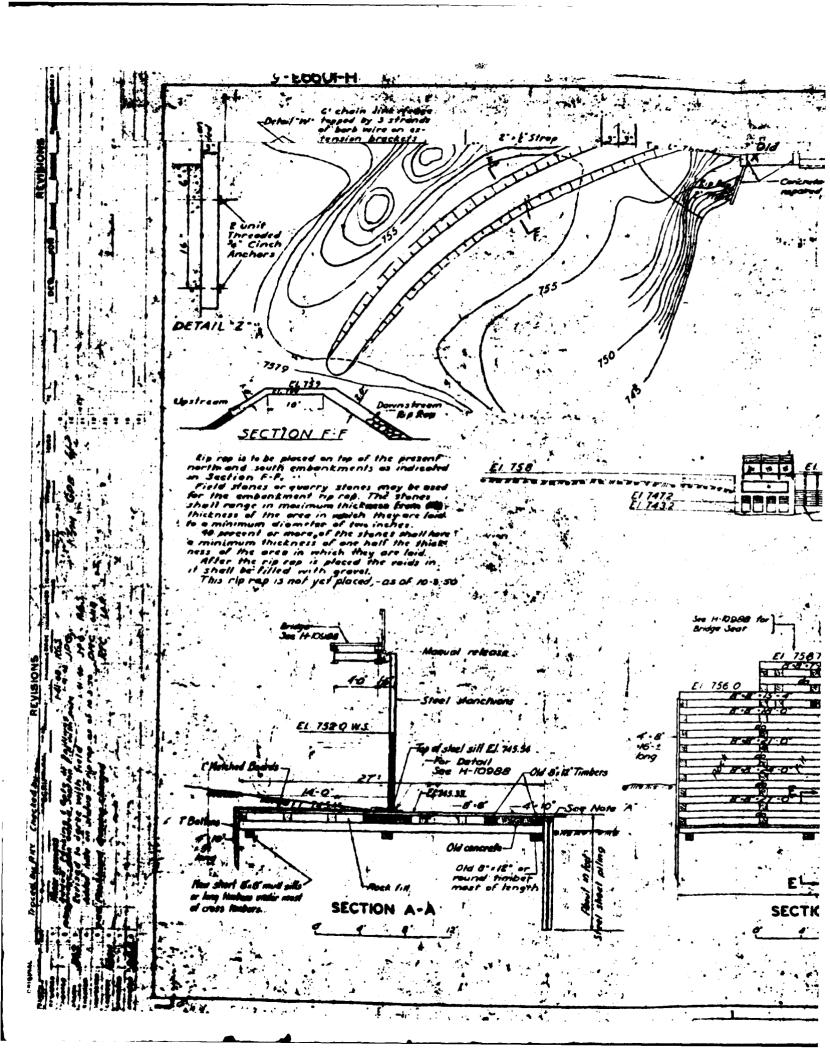
tion graph of the U. S. G. S. gaging station just below Mascoma Lake dam given in Fig. 4 of the paper, "The Unit Hydrograph and Flood Routing," by Gerald F. McCarthy for presentation at the conference of the North Atlantic Division, U. S. Engineer Dept. at New London, Connecticut, on June 24, 1938. From the distribution graph a unit hydrograph was developed. Using this, hydrographs for the precipitation for each six-hour period were developed, and these were then combined to develop the inflow hydrograph shown on Plate I.

The peak inflow for the design flood on the 153-square-mile drainage area at Mascoma Lake dam as shown on Plate I is 126 cubic feet per second per square mile. The peak inflow experienced for the 154-square-mile drainage area at Harriman reservoir during the flood of September, 1938, was 288 cubic feet per second per square mile. No information is available from which a short time peak during the flood of November, 1927, can be computed for the Harriman reservoir, but from information available we find that









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occur gates should be closed promptly to compensate for the added discharge through the failed portion of the flashboards. This will necessitate closure of approximately 13' of gate to hold a steady lake elevation. The gates will then be gradually reopened to hold the lake at Elev. 753.11 until all gates are opened wide.

Item 7.

If the inflow continues to increase, the lake level will gradually rise above Elev. 753.11 and at or slightly below Elev. 754.37 (G.H. 11.42) failure of the 1-1/4" std. pins should occur. The pond should then be controlled at this elevation as long as possible by gate operation as in item 6 above. Approximately 10' to 11' of gate closure will be required to compensate for the additional discharge through the failed section.

Item 8.

above Elev. 754.37 and at approximately Elev. 755.86 (G.H. 12.96) failure of the 1-1/2" std. pins should occur. When failure occurs, the pond should then be controlled by gate operation as in items 6 and 7 above. Approximately 14' of gate closure will be required for compensation.

Item 9.

If the inflow continues to increase, the lake level will gradually rise above Elev. 755.86 and at approximately Elev. 757.32 (G.H. 14.42) failure of the 1-1/2" E.H. pins should occur. When this last failure occurs all gates should be opened full.

Item 10.

After the peak of the run off has passed, the dam should be redressed, replacing pin and flashboards as soon as the water on the crest is low enough to permit safe working conditions. The stop logs in stanchion board section can be dropped into place at the same time, using gates to pass inflow.

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or Elev. 747.33, because of scour along the upstream edge of the dam with logs at lower elevations. After peak of run off passes, stop logs in stanchion board sections are replaced to a maximum G.H. of 8.1 or Elev. 751.0 before June 1.

Item 3.

With the advent of snow melt and precipitation the lake should be controlled to an elevation not to exceed 751.0 or G.H. 8.1 by operation of the gates. Other than Spring Run off.

Item 3-A.

If during other periods of the year the inflow should suddenly increase due to heavy precipitation or snow melt or both, the lake should be controlled to an elevation not to exceed 751.0 or G.H. 8.1 by operation of the gates and lowering of the stop log crest by removal of the logs. This lowering of the crest to be  $\frac{1}{5}$  (.00) carried to a minimum G.H. of 4.43 or Elev. 747.33.

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when the inflow in any season has become so great that the pond elevation cannot be controlled at Elev. 751.0 by means of the gates and the lowered stop logs in the stanchion board section, the lake will rise and spill over the flashboards.

Item 5.

In preparation for gate operation during board failures an attendant should be permanently stationed at the dam as soon as conditions described under item 4 above prevail. Indications of the inflow trend to be anticipated at Mascoma Dam from 12 to 36 hours later can be obtained by noting the plot of the chart of the U.S.G.S. gage at West Canaan.

Item 6.

As the lake elevation reaches 753.11 (G.H. 10.16) the failure of the 1"

E.H. pins should occur, possibly at an elevation slightly lower. When failure does

#### MASCOMA LAKE

Mascoma Lake has been operated as a storage reservoir for hydroelectric purposes through a continuous period of about 50 years. Unrestricted use of the lake's storage volume for primary benefit to downstream hydroelectric power plants is an essential element in providing reliable power at the lowest possible cost for the customers of the company.

Subject to the above-named primary function, the following operating guide has been developed for the purpose of assisting the operator of the dam during periods of flood conditions on the Mascoma River:

#### MASCOMA LAKE DAM - OPERATING GUIDE

The prime purpose of this operating guide is to allow the passage of flood waters past the dam with as little variation in pond level and volume of discharge as can be practicably attained with the present facilities. This operating guide prepared principally for the spring run off period is to be applied at other times during the year when unusually high inflows are expected. The dressing of the dam as shown on H10993-5 and/or H10988-5, is corrected as follows:

About 1/4 of the crest with 1" E.H. pins, about 1/4 with 1-1/4" std. pins, about 1/4 with 1-1/2" std. pins and 1/4 with 1-1/2" E.H. pins.

Item 1.

A log book is maintained at the dam into which entries will be made by date and time as to gate operation, needle beam and stop log removal and replacement, pin board failures and head and tail water observations, as well as her general comments of value for the record.

Item 2.

As the lake is drawn down during the winter and early spring, the water surface elevation will be followed by the crest of the stanchion board section by removing logs. This lowering of the crest to be carried to a minimum G.H. of 4.43

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1. Drainage area above site sq. mi.

Gross - 154, Ket - 124.1

2. Storage above site

	D.A.S	ų. Kla.		Full	Pond					
Namo	Стовв	Het.	Elev.	Area Acres	Vol. Acre Ft.	Inches on Met D.A.	Inches on 153 sq. mi.			
Grafton Pond	3.3	3.3	16.0	321	3300.	18.7	<b>.</b> 40			
Crystal Lake	13.2	9.9	8.8	378	1725.	3.27	•21			
Goose Fond	15.7	25.7	105.5	663	11688.	13.%	1.43			
Mascoma Lake Total	153.0	124.1	752.0	1155	7714.	1.17	<u>-94</u> 2.96			
	(Storage Volumes are usable)									

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## Reservoir Data

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2.	Elevation	, top	of dike			•	•.	759.0
2.	n		n boards			•		752.0
3.	Area full	l pond,	, top of b	cerds,	acres			1155
4.				745.15	acre feet	(Usable)		7714
	a	ø	P #	745.15	inches or	124.1 52.	ki.(Usak	le) 1.17
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## Spillway Data (Timber Dem)

1.	Present Gates (4	), 4" × 4"	Invert Elev.		743.2
2.	1-55! Bay pinbou	rds, top at II.	752; fall at II.	753.0 Great II.	749.03
	1-551 11 11		752.0 × * ×	754.4 " "	749.03
3.	1-35 Bay stanch	done ton at El.	752	5111 El.	745.48

#### Design Storm

Harriman storm of Nov., 1927, multiplied by 1.75, with .05" per hour infiltration subtracted, applied to unit hydrograph of Mascoma R. at Mascoma, by Army Engrs. (See paper dated June 24, 1935 by C. E. McCarthy).

1.	Inches precip. Harriman	7.62
2.	a a Design	13.32
3.	" runoff (i.e. ex. infiltration) under hydrograph	10.44
4.	" to maximum discharge	5.31
5.	(a) Her. inflow c.f.s.	19205
	(b) " " c.s.m. gross D. A. 153	126
6.	(a) " discharge c.f.s.	17600
	(b) " " c.s.m. grose D.A. = 153	ับร
7.	Max. pond elevation	761.8
B.	" Tong "	762.30
9.	Total hours precip.	≟ 36
10.	" " runoff	סוָת

Plate II shows the design inflow hydrograph expressed in cubic feet per second and the corresponding discharge curve for the dam as rebuilt, with all gates open, flashboards off, and needle beams out. With this condition, the design storm would cause the lake level to rise above the dikes at each end

time curve is shown in the upper part of the sheet with a maximum of 761.8.

of the dam, which have a top elevation of about 759.0. The pond elevation-

The curve of computed backwater time-elevation immediately below the dam is also shown in the upper part of the sheet. It was assumed that the morth approach to the highway bridge over the river would be washed out soon after the tailwater elevation reached 759.0. The lowest controlling point in the road at this location is at elevation 757.6.

The maximum pond elevation of 761.8 or 2.8 feet over the top of the dikes, as shown by the calculations, is approximate only as the exact changes or time of changes in the channel below the dam should a flood of the order of the design flood occur, cannot be accurately predicted.

Obviously, if a dam had been built with abutments and dikes high enough to prevent overtopping by the design flood, the lake level would rise considerably higher and cause additional damage to shores, cottages, and docks, which might be the subject of damage suits against the Power Company.

The rebuilt dam has greater discharge capacity than the old dam for all stages of flood because the additional waterway area of the lowered spill-way crest exceeds the area reduction by the added rip rap and stanchion bay bridge with its supporting wooden pier.

Plate III shows area and storage curves for Mascoma Lake from elevation 7141.0 to 762.0.

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there was an average inflow of 200 cubic feet per second per square mile for three hours at this reservoir.

The design flood peak discharge at Mascoma Lake dam is below the experienced discharge for both the 1927 and the 1938 floods at Harriman because of the difference in the topography of the contributing drainage areas. The Harriman drainage area has relatively steep slopes while there are considerable areas of relatively flat land in the Mascoma Lake drainage area and, in addition, in excess of one fifth of the drainage area is tributary to ponds which store water during flood periods.

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APPENDIX C

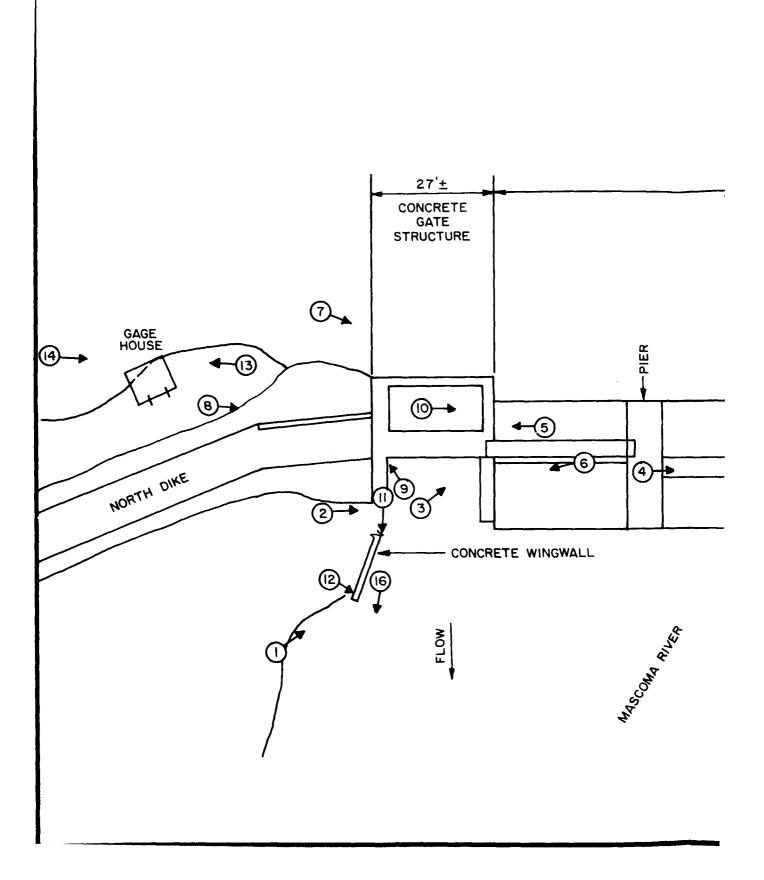
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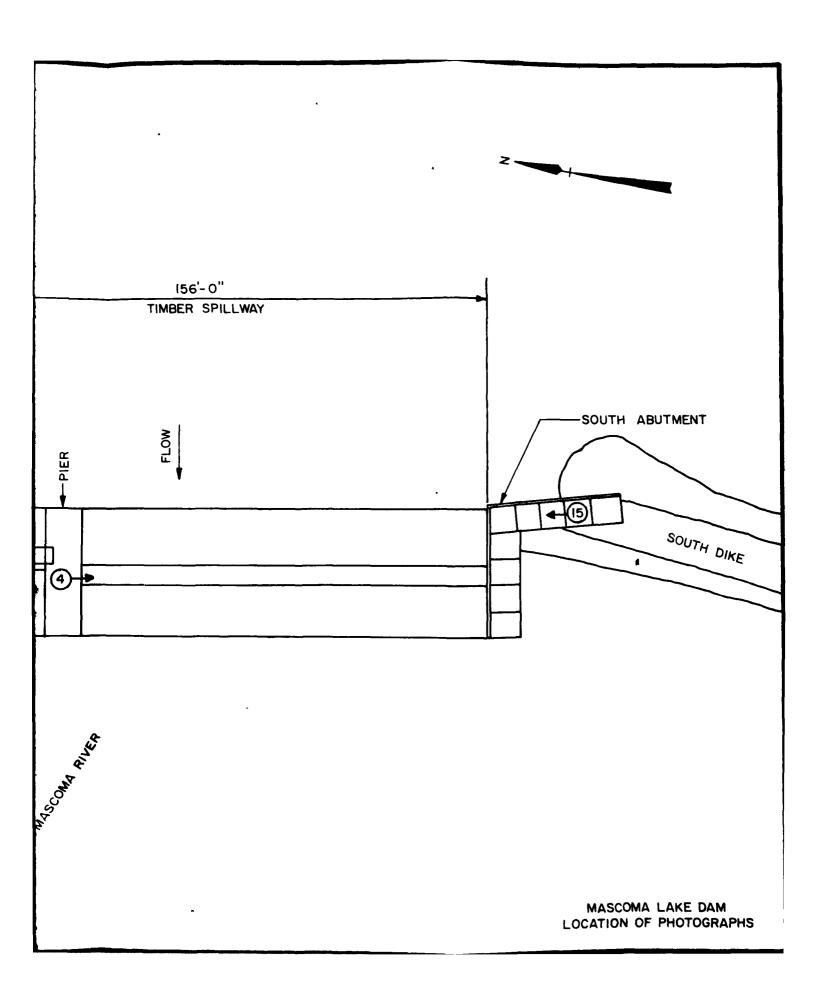
## APPENDIX C

## REPRESENTATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PROJECT

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7.	The upstream side of the intake structure and gate house.	7-26	C-7
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10.	Inside of gate house, showing operating gear in partially open position.	7~28	C-8
11.	Downstream wingwall near the gate house outlet, showing misalignment and concrete erosion.	7-21	C-9
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13.	Telemark gage house near the right abutment of dam.	7-25	C-10
14.	Concrete covered rip-rap cracked near the right abutment of dam.	7-27	C-10
15.	Left bank abutment, stone-filled, wooden crib.	7-34	c-11
16.	Downstream channel and bridge, looking from right abutment of dam.	7-23 <b>A</b>	c-11







1. Mascoma Lake Dam: Gate House, Stop Log Section and Spillway. Footbridge from Gate House to Spillway.

2. Stop Log Stanchions and Outlet. Wooden Spillway in Background.





3. Downstream Side of Intake Structure Under the Gate House.

4. Spillway with Flashboards, Looking from the Footbridge. Left Abutment in the Background.



5. Intake Structure Looking from Footbridge Over Stop Log Section. Note Concrete Erosion and Surface Cracks.

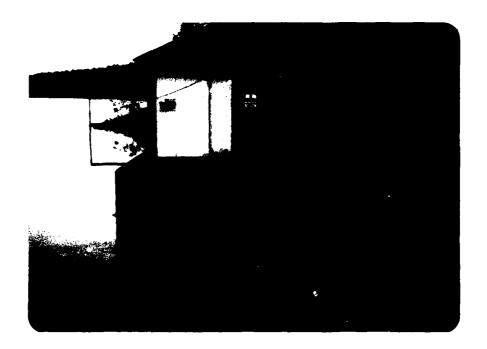




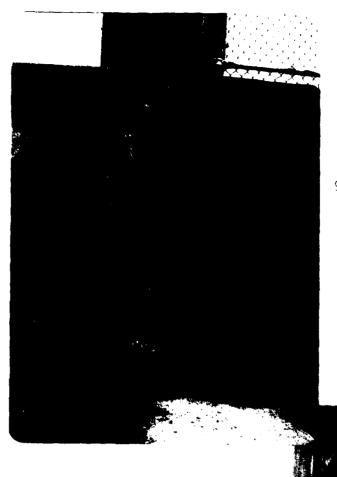
6. Outlets of Stop Log Section and of Gate House. Showing Right Side Wingwall in Background.



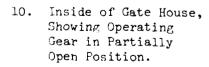
7. The Upstream Side of the Intake Structure and Gate House.



8. The Right Abutment and the Gate House.



9. Open Joint Between Gate
House and Right Abutment,
Looking Upstream. Showing
Concrete Erosion.





11. Downstream Wingwall Near the Gate House Outlet, Showing Misalignment and Concrete Erosion.



12. Lower End of Same Wingwall, Showing Washout of Adjacent Soil.

13. Telemark Gage House Near the Right Abutment of Dam.





14. Concrete Covered Rip-Rap, Cracked Near the Right Abutment of Dam.



15. Left Bank Abutment, Stone-Filled Wooden Crib.

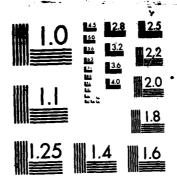


16. Downstream Channel and Bridge, Looking From Right Abutment of Dam.

### APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC & HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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MICROCOPY RESOLUTION TEST CHART

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The desirage area of Masserma Lake = 153.0 64 miles

The desirage area of Masserma Lake is Characteristed

by mountainous topography. Therefore, from guide

Curves, furnished by the Comps of Engineers, it is

found that

P.40 lo ble marie mune flood Peak. Inflow = 1025 x 153 = 156, 825 cfs.

According to size dassification as given in TABLE 1, in "Extermmended buildines for safety Inspection of Dams", Masloma Lake dam is intermediate in size.

resolving to Hazard Potential Chisticition as finen in TABLE 2, it falls under the cate for yet high hazard dam.

e. According to Hydrologic Erealization Guidelines as girum in TABLE 3,

TEST Flord Peak Inflow = 156,825 Cfs.

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SPILLWAY TEST FLOWD INFLOW HYDROGRAPH CHECKED BY (BASED ON SCS DIMENSIONLESS UNIT HYDROGRAPH)

to cutlet = 122,000 ft.

Difference in chartin = 2480 4.

 $\frac{7200 \times (2480)^{0.38}}{7200 \times (2480)^{0.38}}$ 

= 706828.6474 7700 x 19.49

= 4.7098 hrs.

2 4.75 hs (soy)

PINF = 156, 825 Cts.

.. 5 DF = PMF = 156,825 - 45.

BUBJECT WASSING LAKE DAM

SPILLWAY TEST FLOOD INFLOW HYDROGENPH CHECKED BY /BM (BASED ONSCS DINE NSIONLESS UNIT HYDROGRAPH).

Z=4.75 hrs. Pp = 156,825 cfs.

T (hrs)	7/2	G/GP	Q (613)
1. 18	0.25	0.05	7641
2.38	0.50	0.18	28228
3.56	0.75	0.73	114482.0
4.75	1.00	1.00	156,825.6
5 94	1.25	0.80	12546016
7.13	1.50	0.40	62730.0
8.31	1.75	0.25	39206,0
9.50	2.00	0:17	26660.6
13.06	2.75	0.06	9410.0
16.625	3.50	0.02	3136.5
19.00	4.00	0.01	1568.0

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# SAFETY EVALUATION PROJECT OF NON-FEDERAL DAMS

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SUBJECT MASCOMA LAKE DAM

DISCHARGE RATING TABLE FOR SPILLWAY, STANCHION SECTION, AND GATE SECTION.

	DI	SCHARGE (	cfs)	
		STANCHION	GATE	
1	SPILLWAY	SECTION *	SECTION	TOTAL
ELEVATION	द,	Qa	Q3 **	Q=Q,+Q2+Q3
749.00	0	16213	556 (550)	1246
750.00	380	(850)	664	2044
751.00	1080	((075)	744	3,184
752.00	1960	1750	812	4,522
753.00	3000	2150.	876	6,026
754.00	4200)	2550.	928	7,678
755.00	5500 (4780)	29507	780	9,430
756.00	(6800)	3350 (28 46) <sup>†</sup>	1032	11,182
757.00	8000	3750+ (3275)+	1084	12834
758.00	9200	4/50 (31+3)T	11.3 6	14,486
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		

## REFER TO FIGURES:

- \* ALL SIX STANCHION OUT, DISCHARGE OF STANCHION BAY
- \*\* ALL FOUR GATES ARE WINE OPEN; THILWATER ELEV. IS BELOW IHE GATE SILL ELEV.; AND EL. 749 2 5.5 FT GAGE.
- THE NUMBERS IN PARENTHESES INDICATE THE DISCHARGE IS AFFECTED BY TAILWATER. THE TAILWATER ELEV. IS ASSUMED TO BE 2 FT LESS THAN THE HEADWATER BUT NOT EXCEED ELEV 752.
- T ASSUMED TAILWATER EL. 15 752 AND % ADDICTMENT RANGED FROM 80 & TO 95

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DISCHARGE RATING TABLE FOR DIKES

FOR POOL LEVELS ABOVE TOP OF DAM.

Total length of earth Dam = 3920 ff.

Q = 2.6 x 392 x H3/2 =
= 1019.2 H3/2

ELEV.	H (ft)	9(015)
759.0	0	0
760.0		1019.0
761.0	2.	2883.0
762.0	3	5296.0
763.0		8154.0
764.0	5	11395.0
765.0	6	14979.0
766.0	7	18876.0
767.0 768.0 769.0 770.0 771.0 772.0 775.0 779.0 780.0	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 14 14	23 062.0 27 5 18.0 32 23 0.0 37 183.0 42 367.0 47 77 2.0 53 388.0 65 229.0 91 160.0

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SUBJECT MASCOMA LAKE DAM.

COMPOSITE DISCHARGE RATING TABLE CHECKED BY

	FLOW THRU SPILLWAY,	FLOWOVER	TOTAL DISCHAREE
ELEV	STANCHIOILS HUD GLIES	EARTH DAM	φ.
749	1,177		
750	1,894		
751	2,399		
752	3,495		
753	5,065		
754	6,173		
755	8,120		
756	10,000		
757	11,919		
758	13,879		
759	15,500	0	
760	17,600	1,019	18,619
761	19,400	4383	22,283
762	21,400	5,296	26,696
763	23,500	8,154	31,654
764	25,300	11,395	36,695
765	27,300	14,979	42,279
766	29,300	18,376	48,176
767	31,200	. 23,062	_ 54,262
763	33,500	27,518	61,013
769	35,100	32,230	67,330
770	37,500	37,183	74,683
771	39,500	42,367	81,867
772	41,600	47,772	39,372
773	43,600	53,388	96,938
775	47,900	65,229	113,129
779	56,300	91,160	147,460
735	58,500		

REFERTO FIGURES:

FILE NUMBER EN-006 DATE 10-11-78

SUBJECT NATIONAL DAM INSP. PROSRAM -MASCOMA DAM - DEVELOPMENT OF TAILWATER RATING CURVE (APPROXIMATE METHOD)

COMPUTED BY P.M.M.

$$N = .045$$
 to 4' depth  
 $C = \frac{1.486}{.045} = 33.02$ 

$$n = .050$$
 (over 4' depth)  
 $C = \frac{1.436}{.050} = 29.72$ 

Si = mean bed slope = 0.0025 , Si'z = 0.050

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ELEV.	DEPTH	<u>a</u>	Р	<u> </u>	T 2/3	C	K <sub>al</sub>	Sb1/2	<u>Q</u>
742	0	0	0	<u>,—</u>					
744	2	250	205	1.22	1.14	330Z	9,411	.05	470
746	4	678	220	3.08	2.12	33.02	47,462	.05	2,370
748	6	1,130	232	4.87	2.87	29.72	96,385	.05	4,820
750	8	1,604	244	6.57	3.51	29.72	167,325	.05	8,370
752	10	2,096	250	8.38	4.13	29.72	257,271	.05	12,860
754	12	2,600	256	10.16	4.69	29.72	362,406	.05	18,120
756	14	3,154	322	9,79	4.58	29.72	429,315	.05	21,470
758	16	4,042	480	8.42	4.14	29.72	497, 331	.05	24,870
760	13	5,192	654	7.94	3.98	29.72	614,139	.05	30,710
	• • •						• • • •		

SUBJECT MASCOMA CAKEDAM.

TO DETERMINE PEAK OUTFLOW.

Spillway rest flord peak inflow = 156,825 ofs.

## TRIAL#1:

Assume inflow volume = 19" of runoss from D.A.

Available Swicharde Storage upto top of dam

$$= \frac{1186 \times 10}{153 \times 140} \times 12$$

= 1.453 inches of runoff from D.A.

Lake Eurcharge Storage = 1.453 Inflow runoff volume 19 = 0.076

Referring to Figure 17-11 in SCS NEH, Section 4

Inflow Peak Rate = 0.98

: Cutflow Peak Rate = 0.98 x 156,825-= 153,688 c15. OUDJECT MASCONA LAKE DAM.

TO DETERMINE PEAK OUTFLOW . CHECKE

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TRIAL #2:

From the Composite Making Curue, the above cutflow Peak Mate Connesponds to ELEV. 779.6

i.e. surcharge height abone the spilling enest 30.6 fut

: Volot burchange blomge (sroe)

$$= \frac{1/86 \times 30.6}{15^{-3} \times 640} \times 12$$

= 4.45 inches of runoff from b.A.

.. Peak cut flow 
$$Q_{P_2} = Q_{P_1} \left(1 - \frac{570R_1}{19}\right)$$
  
= 156,825  $\left(1 - \frac{4.45}{19}\right)$   
= 156,825  $\left(1 - 0.234\right)$   
= 156,825 x 0.766

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TO DETERMINE PEHK CUTFLOW

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## TRIAL #3;

From the Composite Rating Curue, the above outflow Peak Kate Corresponds to ELEV. 775.60 i.e. Surcharge hught alone the Spillway crest = 26.60 feet.

:. Vol. of burcharge storage (570R)

= 1186 x 26.60 x 12

= 3.87 inches of Kunoff from D.A.

:. Park cut flow  $Q_2 = 156,825 \left(1 - \frac{3.87}{19}\right)$ = 156,825 (1-0.204) = 156,825 x c.796 = 124 832 CFS. PROJECT EN-006 (5)

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BUBJECT MASCOMA LAKE DAM

TO DETERMINE PEAK CUTFLOW

COMPUTED BY VEIA

TRIAL #4:

From the seniposite reating anne, the algue outflow pure Mate Coursponds to ELEV. 776.40

i.e. surcharge height about the spilling out

:. Vol. of Suncharge Stomage (STOR2)  $= \frac{1186 \times 27.40 \times 12}{153 \times 640} \times 12$  = 3.98 inches of runoff from D.A.

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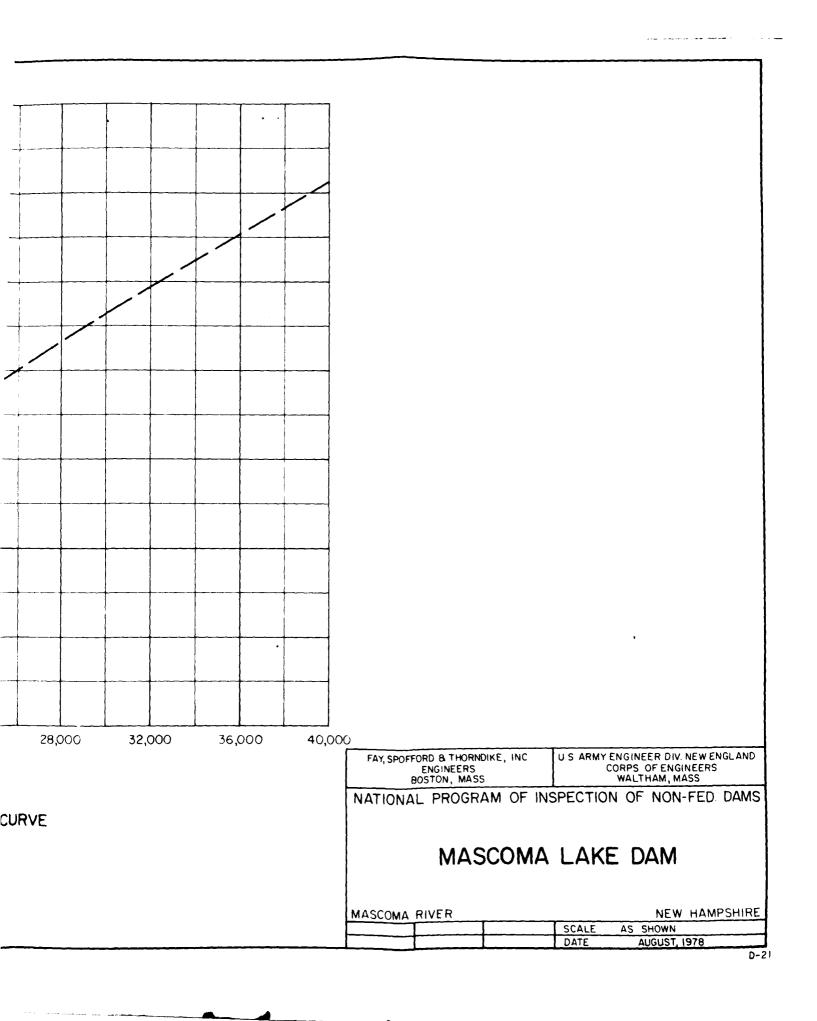
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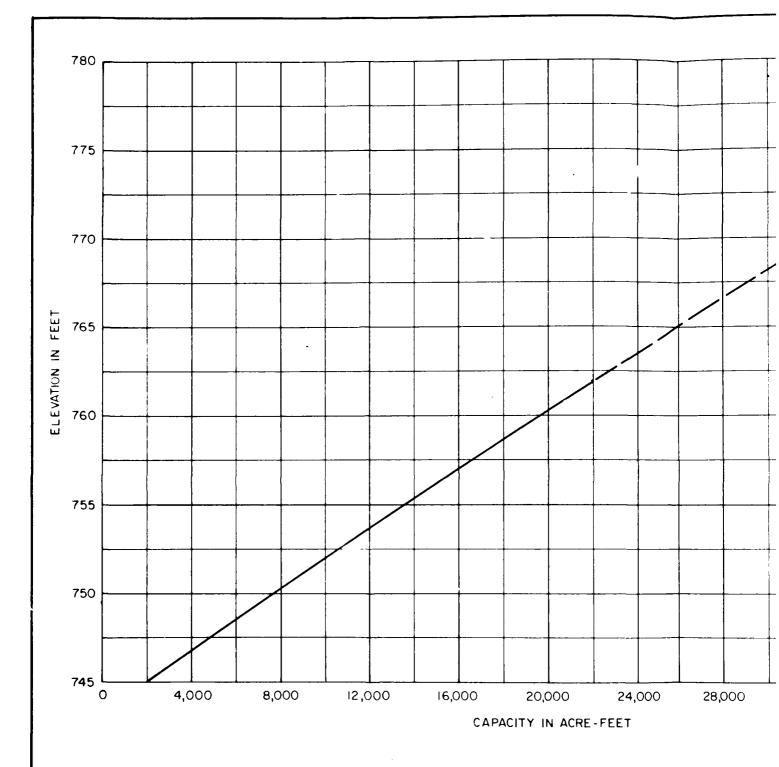
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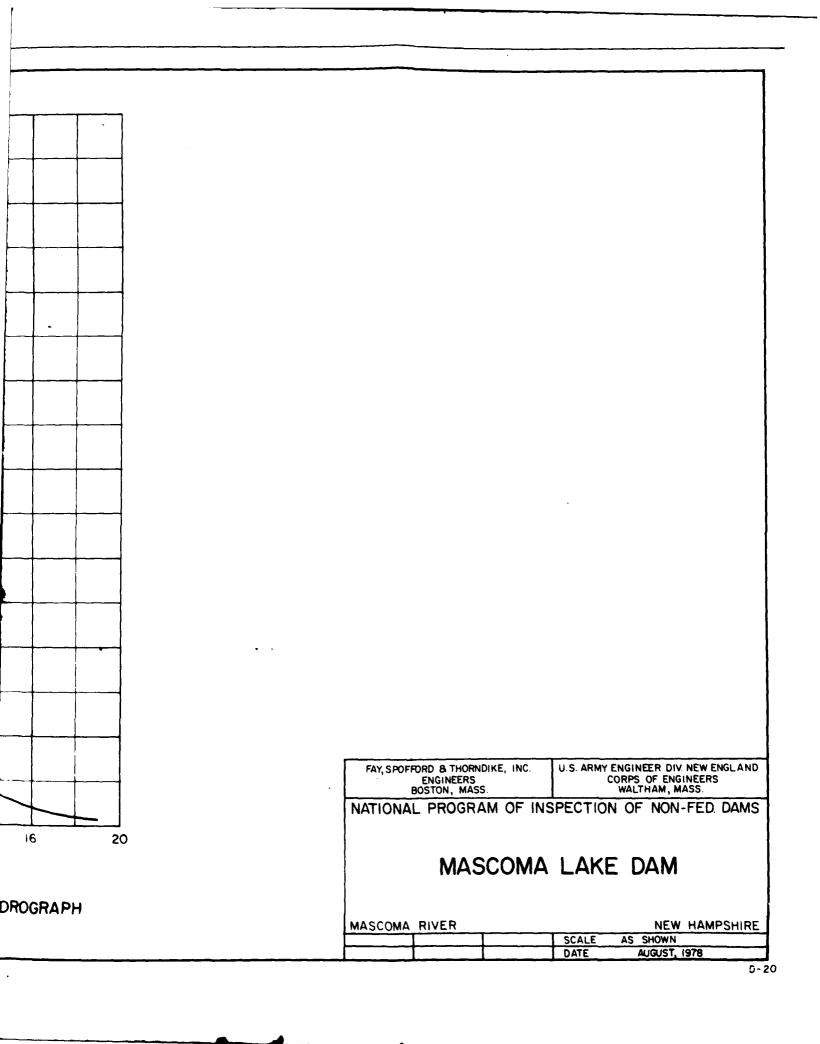
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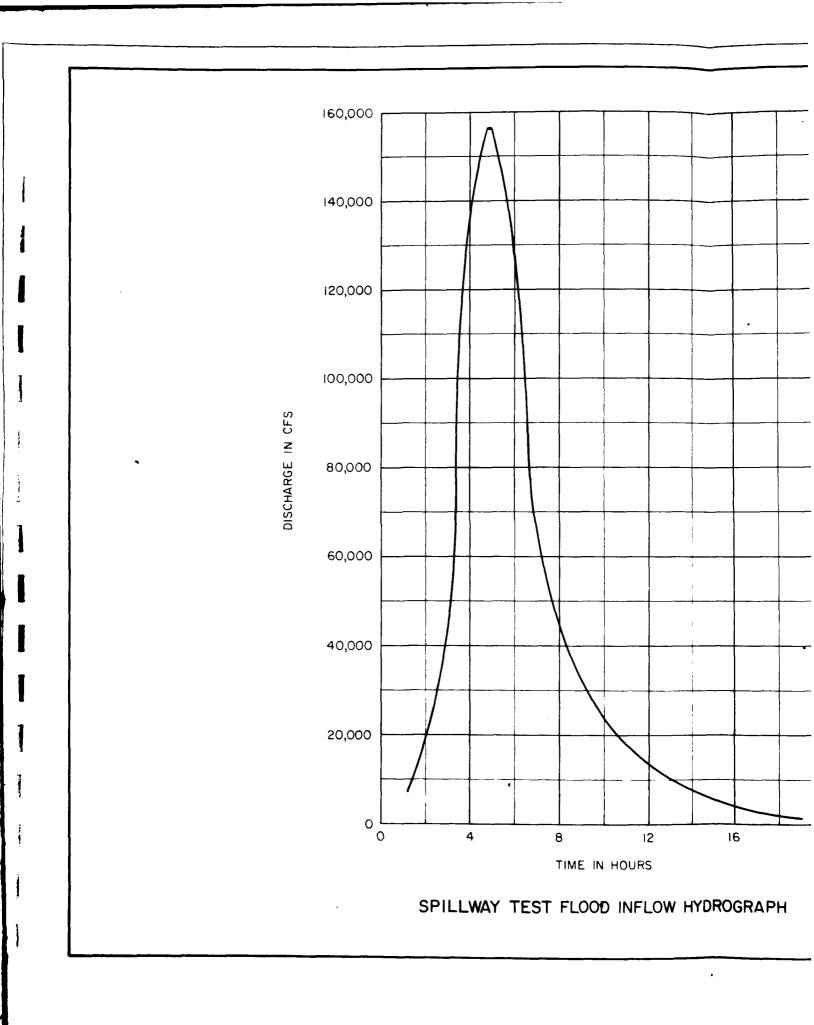
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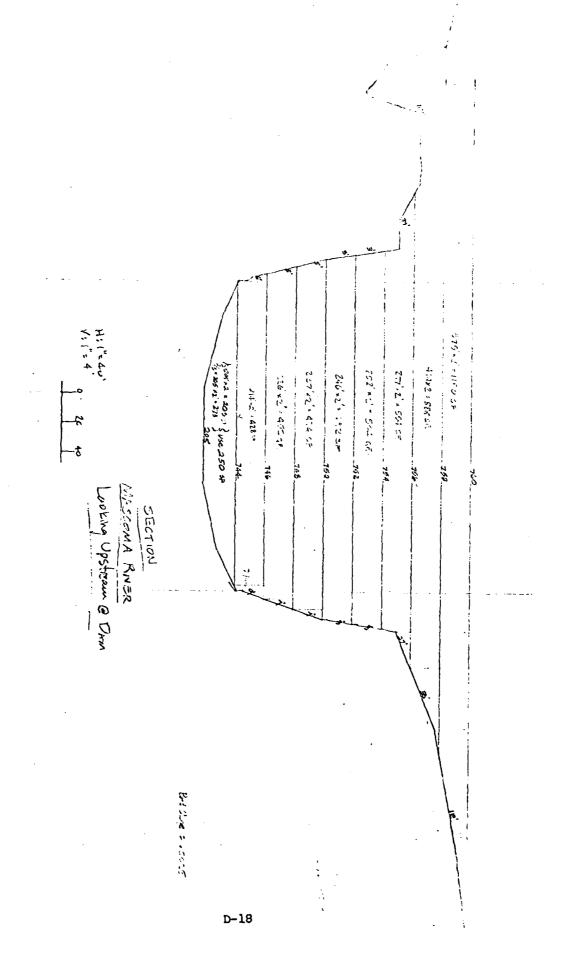


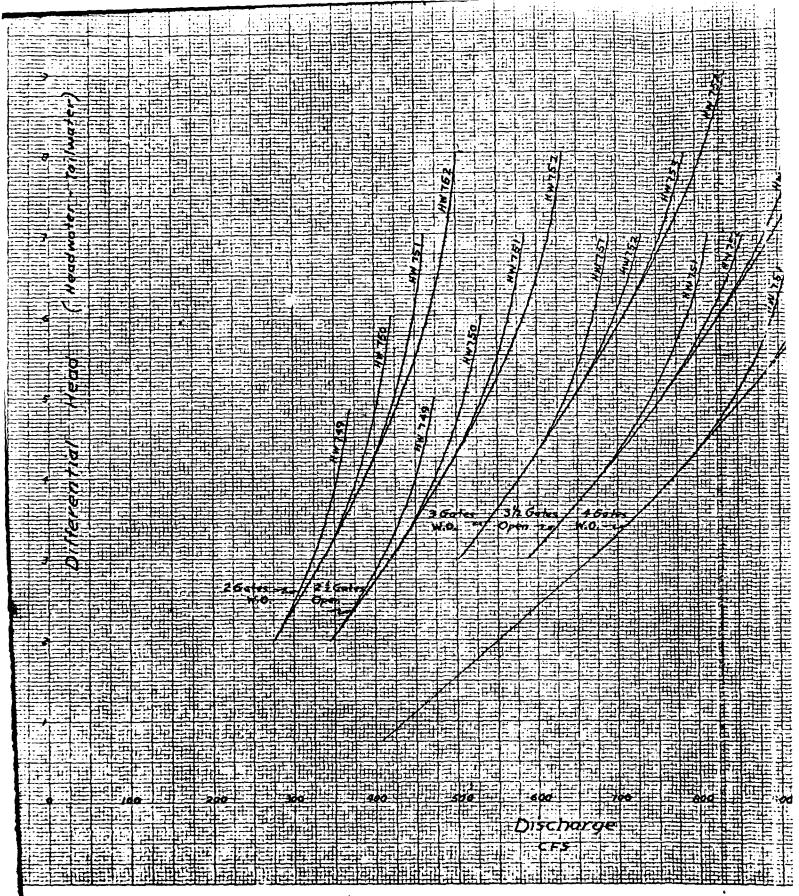


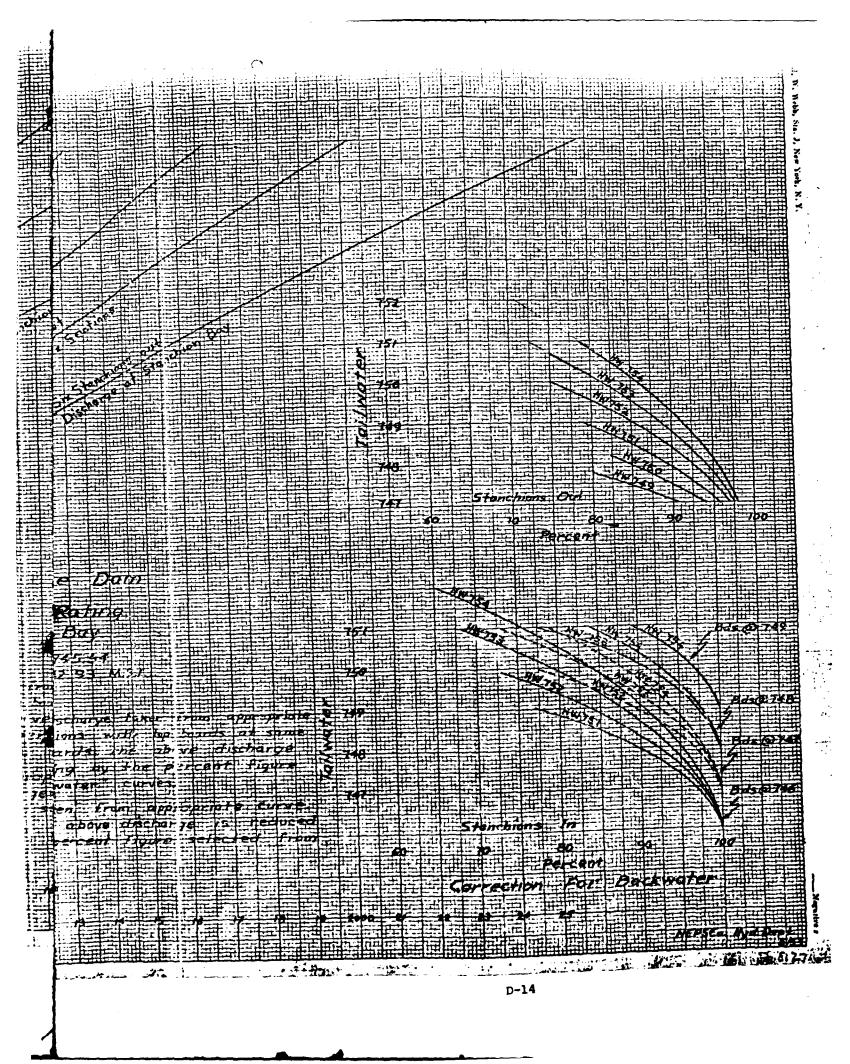
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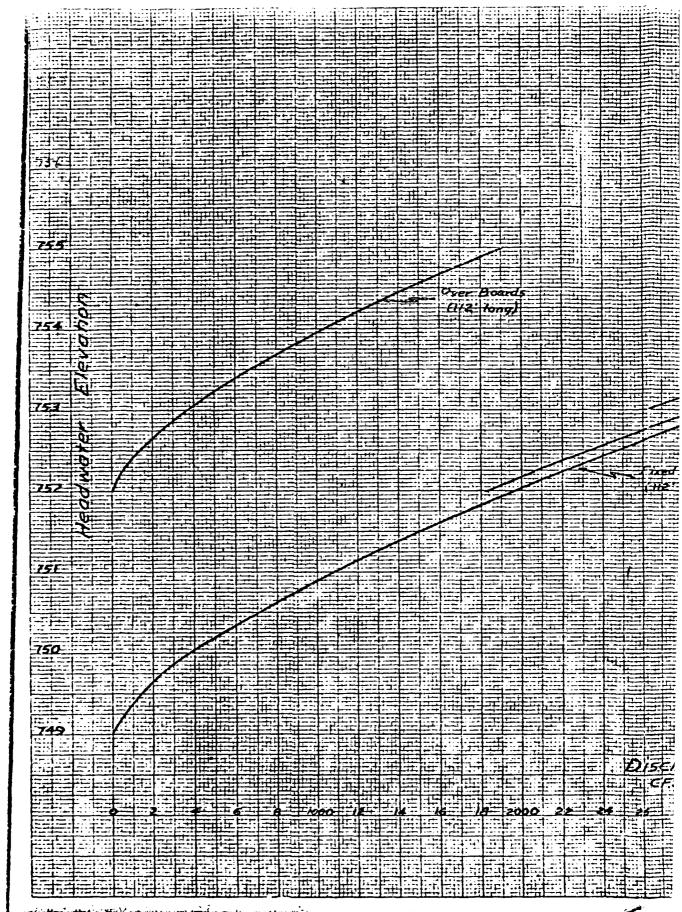




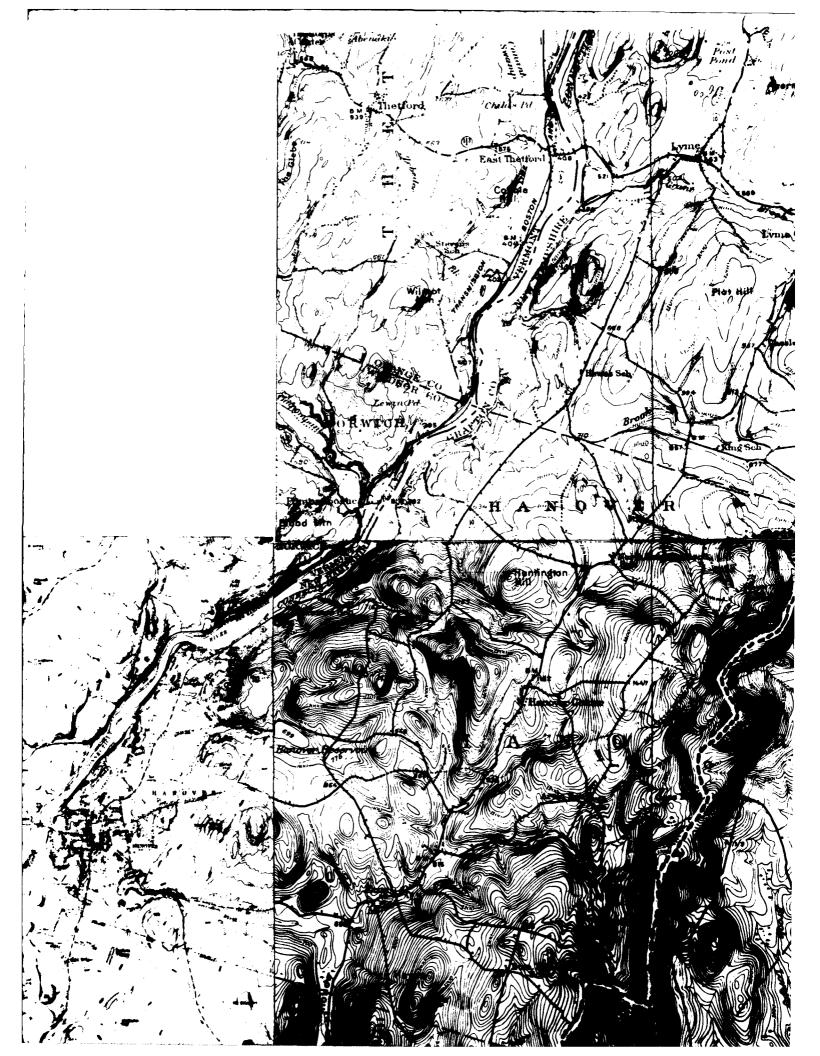


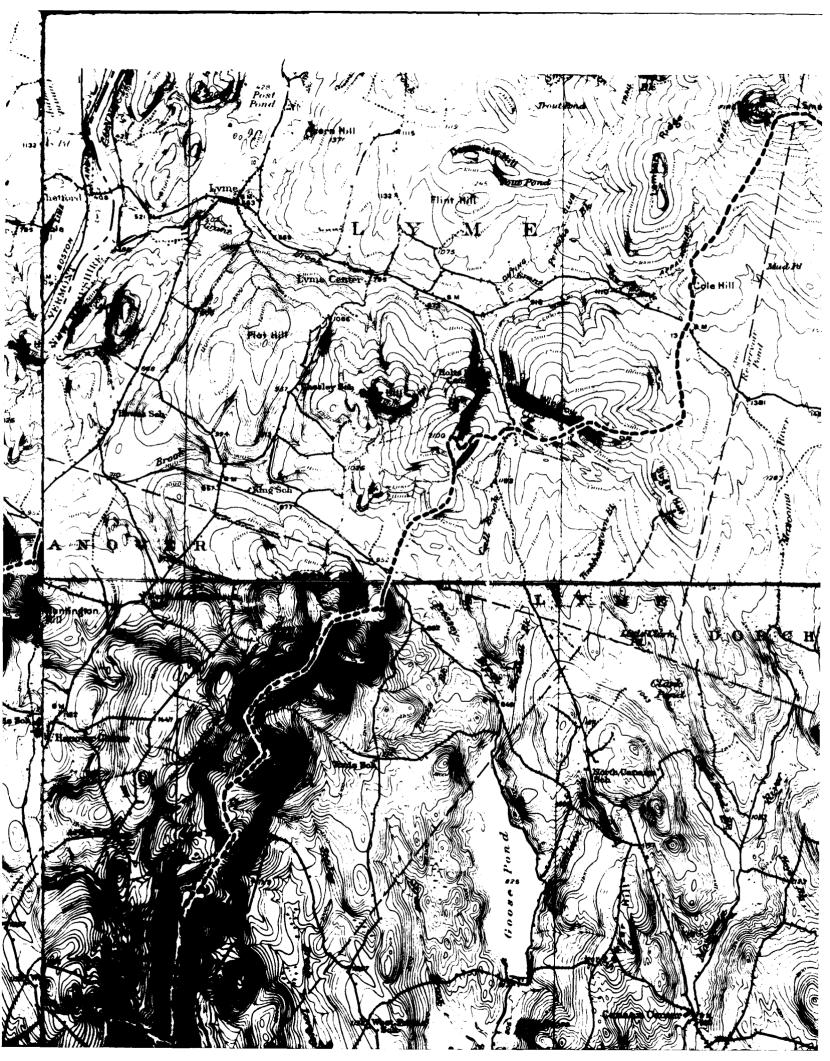
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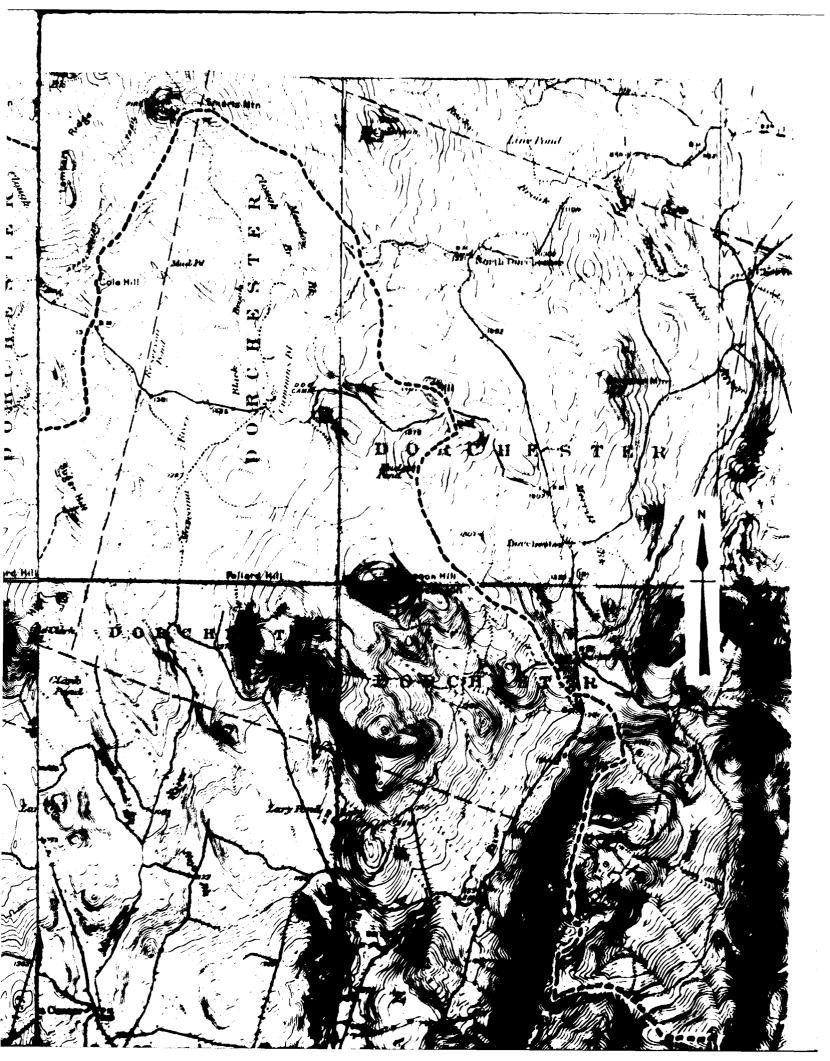
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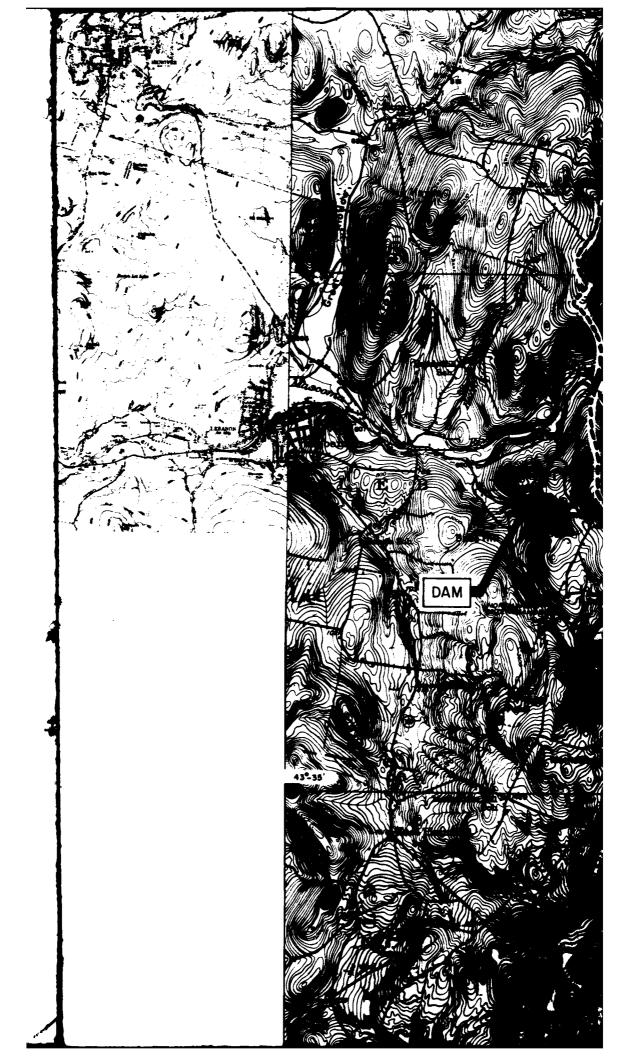


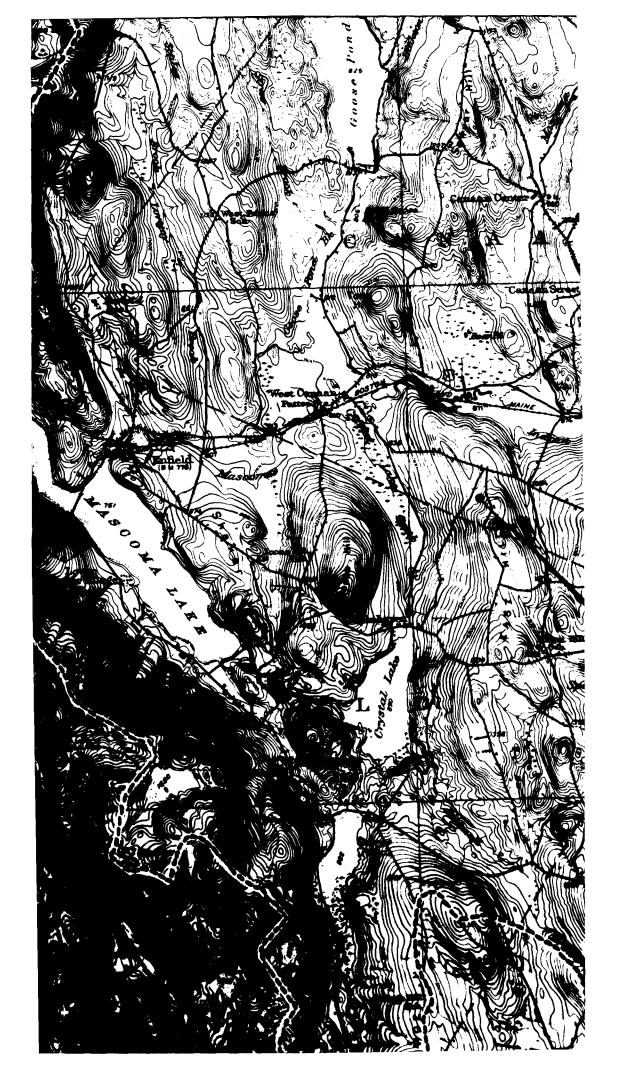
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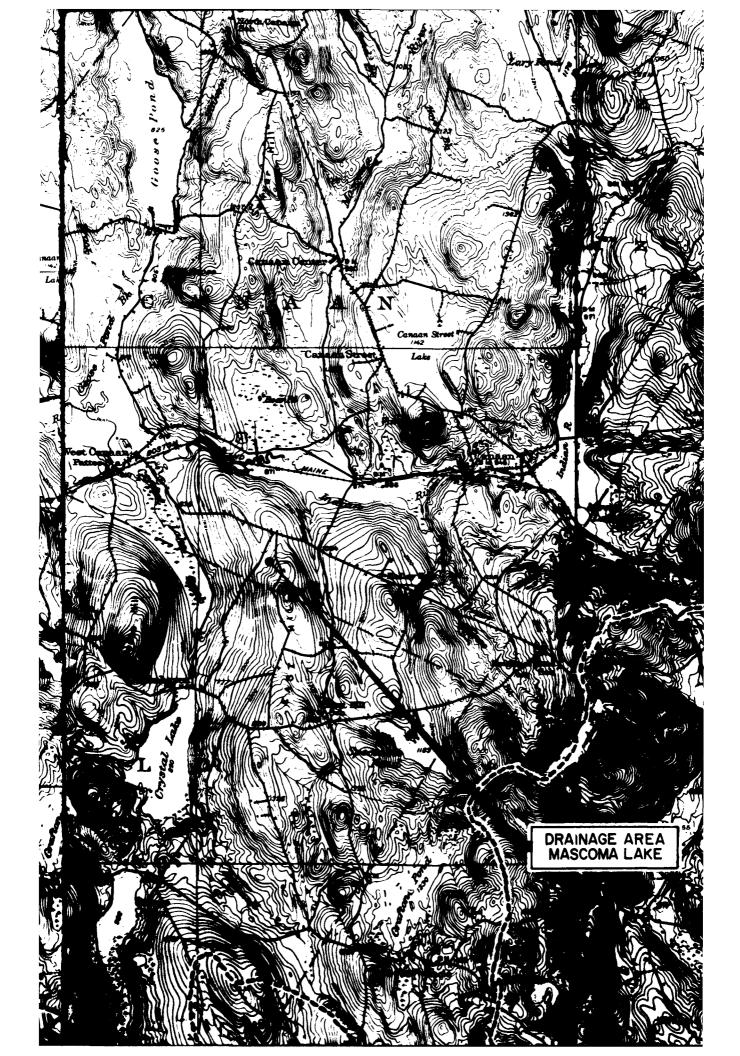
















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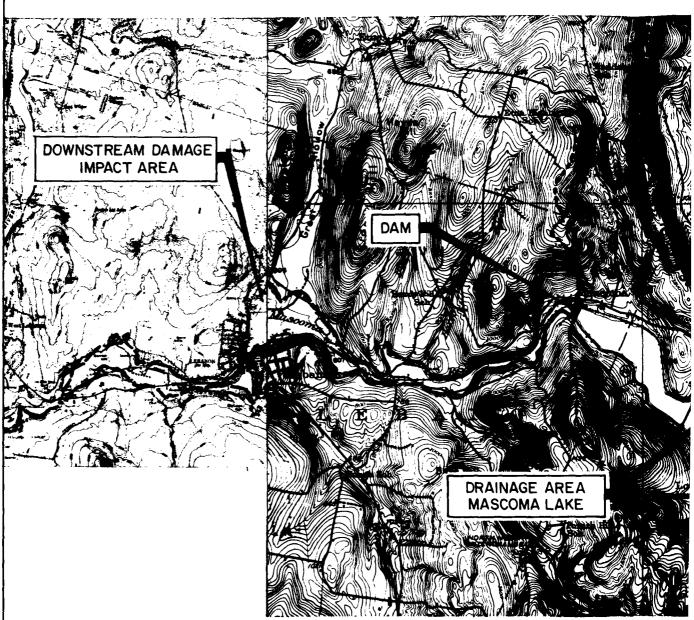
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